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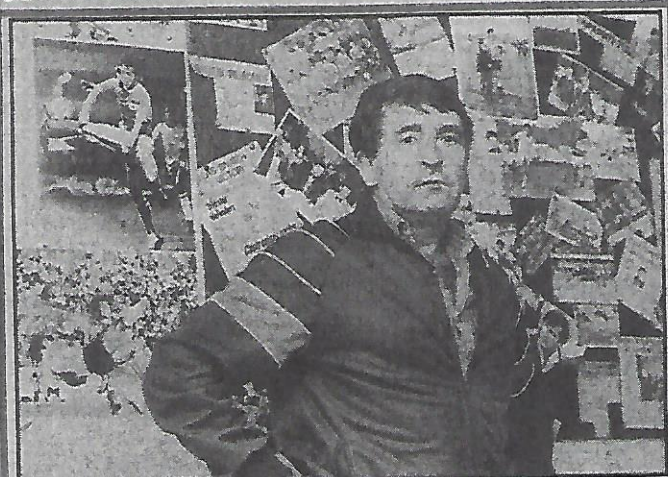
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NOW IT'S ROCCO ILLE'S TURN!

• Cedo Cirkovic (pictured) is out and Rocco Ille is in. Ironically, when Footscray J.U.S.T. sacked Ille in 1980, Cirkovic took over as coach so now the wheel has turned a full circle. Injuries, unavailability of players and J.U.S.T.'s pre-occupation with paying off a huge debt did little for Cirkovic's chances of taking the perennial NSL struggler to a respectable place in the Southern Division ladder. So the man who holds the record of being J.U.S.T.'s longest serving and most loyal coach has been dumped by the club he loves. See page 2.

Millionaire superstar Keegan!

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

Kevin Keegan — soccer superman, millionaire and Member of the British Empire — is on his way to Sydney, to turn the spotlight on Blacktown City and pick up \$12,000 in the process.

Keegan, 34, will play for Blacktown at Gabbie Stadium against Canberra Olympians on April 28 and Sydney Croatia on May 5, for a fee of \$8000 a game.

He will come here from New Zealand where he played in a select team against New Zealand's national side. The Kiwis won 5-2, with Keegan scoring twice for the select team.

At \$5 a ticket, Blacktown needs only 2400 paying customers over two matches to recoup Keegan's fee.

A New Zealand promoter, Steve Dodds, is responsible for Keegan's tour.

While in Sydney, Keegan also will take part in coaching clinics, organised by the Sydney "Sun".

He will train with Blacktown at Gabbie Stadium twice — from 6.30 pm on April 26 and from about 4 pm on May 1.

Tickets for both games will be pre-sold and if the ground capacity of 7000 is reached before the game, no tickets will be available at the gate.

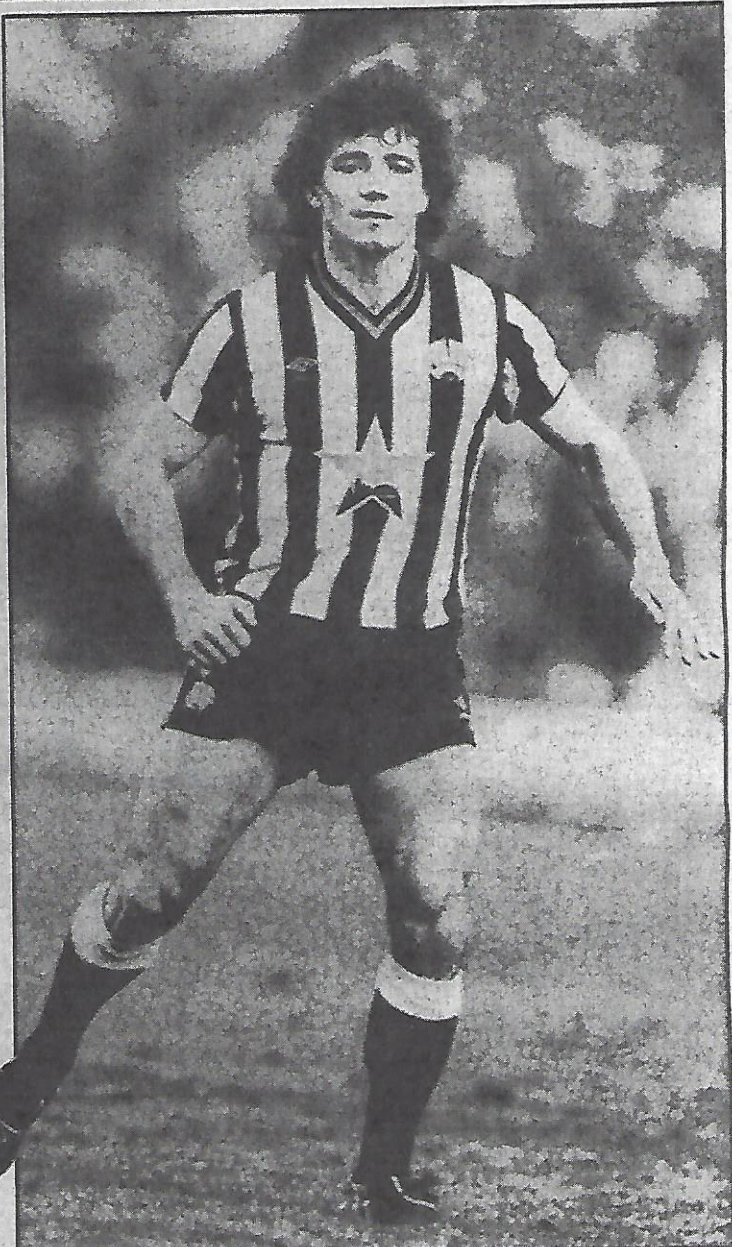
Our main concern is to attract new people, and perhaps keep maybe 200 or 300 of them on a permanent basis. That's why we were eager to secure Keegan — for he's known to all sports lovers, not

just soccer fans," Blacktown's manager Peter Thorne said.

Keegan will come to Sydney with his wife and two daughters, and his manager Stewart Webb, who is the chairman of Derby County.

HIS RECORD

1951	Feb 14	Joseph Kevin Keegan born in Armthorpe, Doncaster.	1977	June	Transferred to SV Hamburg for £500,000.
1965		Signed by Coventry on schoolboy forms, but is soon rejected.	1978		European Footballer of The Year.
1966		Started work as a tea boy in Doncaster brassworks.	1979		European Footballer of The Year.
1967	Dec	Signs for Scunthorpe.	1980	June	Transferred to Southampton for £400,000.
1968		League debut for Scunthorpe versus Peterborough.	1982	March	Voted PFA Player of The Year.
1971	May	Transferred to Liverpool for £35,000.		May	Finishes First Division top scorer with 28 goals.
	Aug	Liverpool debut versus Nottingham Forest.		June	Plays what turns out to be last game for England v Spain in World Cup.
		Liverpool win 3-1 and Keegan scores		Aug	Transferred to Newcastle for £100,000.
1972	Nov	England debut v Wales at Ninian Park. England win 1-0.		Sept	Left out of England squad, vows never to play for country again.
1974		Scores two goals as Liverpool lift the FA Cup.	1984	Jan	Announces his retirement from the game, at the end of the season.
	May	Scores his first England goal against Wales.		May	Newcastle win promotion back to the First Division. Characteristically he bows out with a goal in his 500th game, taking his total to 171.
1976		Football Writers' Player of The Year.			



Chris Taylor, Manis Lamond, Frank Arok, Edmund Kraft featured inside

NISSAN

BRAD BOYDEN



Task for Ilie, Buljevic is to avert disaster

Memories of 1968 haunt Footscray JUST in the wake of its coaching changes last week.

JUST struggled near the bottom of the ladder for all of that season, and eventually escaped relegation by virtue of goal difference. JUST and Heidelberg-Alexander both finished with 16 points, but it was Alexander that was relegated.

Rocco Ilie and Branko Buljevic replaced Cedo Cirkovic last Wednesday, after JUST has lost its first five NSL matches of the season.

Ilie is the new coach and Buljevic returns to soccer after an 18-month absence as assistant coach and team manager.

He denied he would resume playing, even though he starred in a recent old boys match in which Ferenc Puskas also played.

Ilie, former striker with Yugal and Pan Hellenic in Sydney, had charge of JUST in 1980. It was his first coaching job after his return from Yugoslavia where he studied coaching for two years.

Ilie and Buljevic come from the same street in the Yugoslav town of Dusk. Before coming to Australia, Ilie played with Zadar in the Second Division, helped LASK Linz win the Austrian championship two years running and then returned to Yugoslavia.

JUST sacked him when the team fared poorly in 1980, and Cedo Cirkovic returned to take over. This time it's Cirkovic who's been sacked, and it's Ilie who's taken over.

Ilie later had a coaching stint with Melbourne Croatia. Buljevic played 30 games and scored 11 goals for Aust-



• Branko Buljevic — will he play again?

ralia during a glorious career which started with OFK Belgrade in Yugoslavia, and continued at JUST (1969-76), Heidelberg-Alexander (1977-79) and Hellas (1980-83).

Both Ilie and Buljevic declared the JUST team unfit, disorganised and tactically immature at their first training session last Wednesday. Both added they were sorry Cirkovic had lost his job.

Cirkovic, 50, was in his 11th year and third stint as the club's coach.

He was angry that club president Tony Amon told the Press of Cirkovic's impending dismissal before he himself was told, and also described as "bullshit" a claim by Amon that he (Cirkovic) discriminated against British players, in favor of continentals.

Tony Amon pulled the rug out from under Cirkovic by declaring at about noon on Tuesday that there was a "90 percent" chance the committee would sack Cirkovic at its meeting that night.

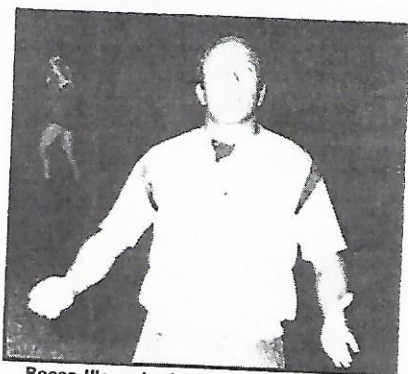
Told at 3pm of Amon's statement, Cirkovic said: "That makes it much easier for me. I was thinking about resigning anyway but I didn't want to run out when things were going badly."

About the discrimination charge, Cirkovic said: "When Amon was out of the club, he was the first to say he would like to see more Yugoslavs in the team because he is proud to be Yugoslav."

"I had a good run with British players — just ask Jim Tansey, Gary McDowell and others. The point is not whether you're British or Yugoslav — it's whether or not you're a good player."

"JUST was in financial trouble last year, and the reason we're on the bottom of the ladder now is because we had a lot of injuries and we didn't have the money to buy top players."

"I could have said: spend \$100,000 and buy me an Otkov and an Egan, like so many



Rocco Ilie — back where he was in 1980

other coaches do. But I knew the club had no money."

Cirkovic joined the club as a player when he arrived from Yugoslavia in August, 1965, and played there until 1971 when he became player-coach of Heidelberg-Alexander. He returned to coach JUST from 1972 until 1979, winning a league championship and three Cups, before joining Hellas as director of junior coaching. He was back at JUST in 1981, then guided Fawcett to promotion to the State League and returned to JUST yet again when the club sacked Bobby McLachlan early last year.

He knew what was coming even before Amon achieved his last accomplishment, for in the morning he told me: "In these circumstances, I have to expect the guillotine to fall on me at any time."

Amon conceded that JUST was in financial trouble, adding the committee had paid off \$80,000 in debts over the past three months to keep the club afloat.

Some players who have left the club since last season, said they did so because they were not paid on schedule.

The players JUST has lost since last year are: Tansey, McDowell, Graham Tuill, Ken Taylor, Jamie Paton, Tony Caban and Igor Hazabent.

So far this season, Vlatko Belic, Emil Petrov and Suleman Curovic have missed

matches due to injuries. Kyri Kyriakoulas missed the night series and National Cup due to business commitments. Dennis Boland quit but returned a few weeks ago, and Joe Carroll and Brian O'Donnell were out of the team while seeking transfers before deciding to stay on after all.

Amon said: "We must blame the coach a little because he and the team manager (Simon Turudia) were given full authority in team matters."

Turudia has since resigned. Amon said JUST needed at least one good midfielder and a striker.

Amon was elected president recently when the club was unable to determine the whereabouts of its previous president Zika Karic, who had real estate agencies at Yarraville and St Albans.

Cirkovic is the sixth coaching casualty of 1984 even though the National League season is only six weeks old. The others are: Tony Lowndes (Brisbane City), Doug Collins (Canberra Olympians), Tommy Traynor (Juventus), Tommy Cunningham (Melbourne Croatia) and Josef Procop (Inter-Monaro).

Amon and Cirkovic met in Richmond last Wednesday — the day after the sacking — over a financial settlement for Cirkovic and afterwards Amon said they had parted as friends.

Why dump Patalis? Don't ask me, mate!

KAT'S CORNER
with PETER KATHOLOS



Hakoah's out for revenge

We stitched up Sydney City Hakoah in the conference finals last year and I'm sure that most Hakoah players still have nasty tastes in their mouths over that, so this Sunday's clash between Olympic and Hakoah at Pratten Park should be a beauty.

Hakoah's not much different to the side that played last year although Frank Farina certainly gives it much more bite up front.

But for mine, Hakoah's big strength is at the back which means that my mate Marshall Soper will need all the help he can get on Sunday to break down the Hakoah defence.

It'll be a really tough game because Hakoah tends to be a rough and tough side but it can play too, there's no doubt about that.

I think that we're better individually but we'll just have to wait until Sunday to see whether or not we can put it together as a team. I've got no doubts that there's not going to be much in this at the end of the day.

We haven't exactly set the world on fire so far this year but we're coming along fine

and I'm sure that we'll have another big year. A win against Hakoah on Sunday would work wonders for us.

Down in Melbourne this weekend, Preston Makedonia takes on Heidelberg-Alexander at Connor Reserve and this will be a top game and probably will draw the biggest crowd of the round in the Southern Division.

I'm well aware that a few weeks back I tipped Heidelberg to win the league and the way things are shaping it certainly will be right up there at the end of the season but I'm jumping aboard another bandwagon this week and tipping a Makedonia win on Sunday.

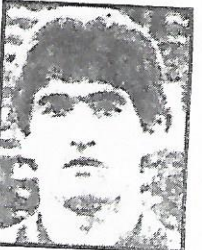
I've only seen Makedonia on the TV but boy have I been impressed.

Gary Cole, Steve Smith and Warren Spink are fine strikers. Zoran Illoski and Sean Lane love to get forward, so do the fullbacks, George McMillan and Con Opasinas and from all set-piece situations you see either Ian Dobson or Robbie Dunn up there in the opposition area. Sometimes, they both go up.

Now, that's what I call attacking soccer and that's what the game should be all about.



Terry Patalis



Jim Ziras

Banagan available

Terry Banagan is back in Melbourne after playing with Tasmanian club Caedonians and is on the look-out for a new club.

Banagan, 29, is a former Green Gully, Sunshine and Altona City player.

He's an attacking midfielder and is a free player. Clubs can contact him at home on 311 7077.



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HOW WILL HE SHAPE UP IN THE WORLD CUP?

Immortality or inferno: which way for Arok?

An immortal or a monumental failure — these are the two drastic extremes between which Frank Arok will have to find himself a niche as a national coach.

A great deal rides on that event, a small fortune for West Nally — or rather, a chance to recoup some big investments — pride and big bonuses for Arok and his players, possible free trips for a number of journalists and TV crews to Mexico and a nice boon — possibly a farewell present — to ASF boss Arthur George.

This will be Australia's sixth World Cup campaign and it will be orchestrated by our sixth World Cup coach. Not one ever lasted to cover a span of two World Cups.

The first one was Tiko Jelavic, the former Yugoslav star who, after some patchy preparations in northern Queensland, took his team to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, there to suffer two shocking maulings at the hands of the unknown North Koreans.

As all other teams in the Asian region had withdrawn, for various political and protest reasons, the two wins — one of them to the tune of 6-1 — was enough to carry the North Koreans to the finals in England in 1966.

Neither Jelavic nor the joint managers, Jim Bayutti and Ian Brusasco, played prominent national team roles after that.

On our 'immortal or monumental' scale of 0 to 10, Jelavic would have to settle for a very low mark, about 3.

Then came the reign of 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits whose job was to take Australia to the Mexico finals in 1970. Having assembled a brilliant team — by Australian standards — Vlasits failed by a hair's breadth, largely because of basic administrative blunders.

After having won a tournament in Seoul against Japan and South Korea, the Australian administration —

• agreed to play outlawed Rhodesia in neutral Mozambique, thousands of miles from here but next door to the South Africans.

• made the most horrible travel arrangements to reach Tel Aviv, two days before the play-off against Israel.

• delayed the start of preparations in Sydney for the return game until the Thursday before Sunday's match — two days AFTER Israel had begun training at Wentworth Park.

Even so, Australia went out only by the one goal, that loss in Tel Aviv.

Joe Vlasits earned himself a comfortable 6 on our scale but manager John Barclay and especially the ASF management of the day came out of the affair with their wings clipped.

Or so one would have thought. But John Barclay was re-appointed for the 1973 campaign when Rale Rasic, a virtual unknown from Melbourne, took over from Vlasits.

And this glory, glory hallelujah all the way to Hamburg and Berlin.

Rasic's balanced, skilful team took all hurdles well, even if there were some scary moments: the return match against Iran in Teheran which could have been worse than the 'required' 0-2 and then, in the play-offs, that memorable Sydney match against South Korea where the Asians should have and could have won by a very comfortable margin — except for some incredible misses and great saves by Jim Fraser.



By ANDREW DETTRE

In the end — after two draws — the decider was staged in Hong Kong where that Sunday shot of Jimmy Mackay was enough to clinch the trip to Germany to the finals.

A late night debate in Canberra's Parliament House was interrupted by Sports Minister Frank Stewart to make the announcement and Australia experienced its most thrilling soccer moments in its almost 100 years of history.

Even the excursion to Germany in 1974 couldn't be described as a humiliating failure: a competitive 0-2 defeat to East Germany and a 0-3 against the eventual winner West Germany was followed by a 0-0 against Chile in Berlin.

Rasic achieved the 'immortal' status and a ranking of 9 on our scale; only a match win could have lifted him even higher. As for John Barclay, his second term with the team made up for the disappointment of his first outing.

A period of turmoil followed. Rasic got involved in a long and unwinnable war with Arthur George and was relieved of his post; immortality in Australia only lasts fleeting moments.

An unknown Englishman, Brian Green was appointed but was soon replaced when found guilty in a lower court of shoplifting.

With John Warren and Alan Vest vying for the job to replace him, the usual State jealousies led to a deadlock and the compromise appointment of Jim Shoulder (Jim Who?) who later admitted having applied only on a 'whys not' basis.

The likeable but inexperienced Shoulder and his equally likeable but far too gentle and soft manager, Mike Weinstein, between them made a hash of the 1977 campaign.

With home defeats in Sydney and Melbourne against Iran and Kuwait, all hopes were dashed early in the piece and eventually the team finished a lowly 4th in its group, won by Iran.

Shoulder's rating could not be higher than a lowly 3. During the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina ASF chief Arthur George happened to bump into itinerant German coach Rudi Gutendorf and was hugely impressed by his record.

Gutendorf didn't come cheap: while the finer details of his contract have never been revealed, his package is believed to have been worth \$50,000 or more a year.

Gutendorf was now the new Messiah; from late 1978 to mid-1981 the ASF went out of its way to facilitate all his preparations and work for the great moment when we would reach the finals in Spain.

But it all came apart at the seams at the first pull. The ASF — one suspects with Gutendorf's approval — agreed to a disastrously stupid deal with New Zealand, staging the two deciding matches at the start of the long campaign.

And after a 2-2 draw in Auckland came the cold shower in Sydney, a dismal 0-2 loss as the majority of players came to dislike the methods of Gutendorf. A sort of death wish prevailed.



Green

Fraser

Barclay

Bayutti

Weinstein

Mackay

It's time to get out, Sir Arthur

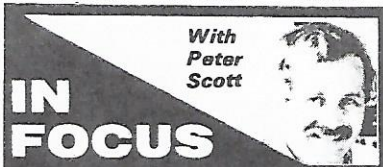
Something of a rarity appeared in print just recently, a major feature article on Australian soccer in the "Sydney Morning Herald's" sports section.

This, in itself, is worthy of comment mixed with some measure of amazement. But there is more to it than that, the feature was in the form of a half page interview with ASF president Sir Arthur George, discussing our code's "problems and future". No doubt at all, the time is ripe for re-examination of this inexhaustible subject — or rather, a thorough study of how the ASF sees matters in this year of 1985.

Well, there is not much reason for cheering, as Sir Arthur did not come up with any new initiatives nor, dare we whisper, solutions. It is still just a litany of blame on all the real and imagined "bogeys" soccer must put up with.

The dreaded ethnics imagined foolishly to their identity (which incidentally assures them of some spectator support, unlike the Penriths and others of their kind), media prejudice and TV's insularity, and so on ad infinitum.

The only thing which seems to have escaped close



With Peter Scott

scrutiny is Sir Arthur's conduct of the ASF, which he has dominated for 16 long years. In that time we have had international success once, in 1974 when we reached the World Cup finals, without any professional effort to cash in on that fleeting moment of glory. There has been a never-ending procession of Soccercoaches hand-picked by the ASF president, all of them abject failures or discarded for political reasons.

Media relations are still abysmal, marketing has been the province of people with no understanding of or interest in the sport, the National League was railroaded into an ethnic witchhunt and wholesale Americanisation resulting in the mass desertion of fans — need one go on?

Only to state that TV exposure will come when the game is presented in an entertaining and professional fashion. And, oh yes, in answer to Sir Arthur's quoted question in the "Sydney Morning Herald," as to whether "I'm being fair in hanging on so long" as ASF president, the answer in my opinion is a resounding "no".

It's time for new faces, younger people and fresh thinking in soccer if the slide back to the obscurity of the fifties is to be halted. Do the right thing, Sir Arthur. Sixteen years is a fair innings.

At the post-match press conference, held in the annex of the Australian dressing room, Arthur George openly held Gutendorf responsible.

One reporter asked Gutendorf whether he'd resign and the peppery, agitated German exploded. But next morning, in a suburban Sydney hotel, Gutendorf's 'resignation' was duly announced. In fact, he was sacked, with some handsome severance pay, and replaced by Les Scheinflug who later was replaced by Arok.

On our scale, Gutendorf 4.

And so now it's Arok's turn. He is after Jelavic and Rasic, the third Yugoslav even if of Hungarian stock. We have yet to have an Aussie-born coach in charge of a World Cup bid.

Frank Arok has three possible achievements ahead of him.

1. Reach the Mexico finals, over the dead body of a European opponent in the play-offs.

2. Win the Oceania group but fail against the European team.

3. Fail in the Oceania group.

The first would put him in the Rasic category — perhaps even slightly ahead.

The second would place him between Rasic and Vlasits while the third would crash him to the inferno of the Jelavics, Shoulders and Gutendorfs.

• MITCHELL

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Adelaide City Juventus coach Edmund Krefl has delivered the most stinging criticism ever of Sydney City Hakoah, saying that it should be kicked out of the NSL immediately!

"Sydney City are a bunch of sharks. They do nothing for Australian soccer, absolutely nothing. They don't draw crowds and all they ever do is buy success. Sure, they've got good players but for me the club is a total wipe-off and the best thing that could happen to the NSL is for Sydney City to be kicked out and their players join clubs that draw crowds and contribute something to the game in this country," said Krefl.

Krefl's anger still was near boiling point after Hakoah refused to release David Mitchell to Juventus. Mitchell has joined Seiko in Hong Kong, after a one and half year stint with Scottish giant Glasgow Rangers. Mitchell's contractual terms with Hakoah end in August, when he'll be able to return to Australia as a free agent.

"As far as I'm concerned, Sydney City has completely discredited itself over the Mitchell affair. He (Mitchell) wanted to come here and get back into the Adelaide. Of course, he's always had a soft spot for Adelaide City and we'd agreed terms with him but Sydney City was totally unreasonable in its demands," said Krefl.

"So what have we got now? Adelaide City has missed out on a top player which could have got us results and brought between 3,000 and 4,000 more fans to our games. The national team also has missed out. And what has Sydney City achieved? Nothing!"

Juventus offered Mitchell, its former star striker, a \$70,000 home as part of the most lucrative contract ever offered in South Australian soccer history.

The optimist in Krefl surfaces when he calms down and starts to talk about what the remainder of the 1985 season holds for his charges without Mitchell's enormous talents up front.

"I assure you that we will improve and I'm absolutely confident that we can make the top five. Losing Mella, Flounders and Tobin through injury is a big blow to a club like ours. We haven't got the resources of giants like Sydney City and South Melbourne. We can't simply go out and buy success like they have done."

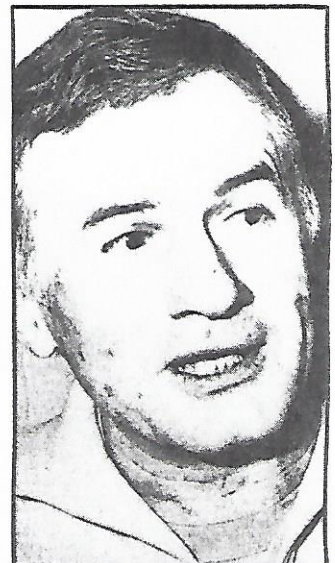
Juventus controlled its recent game against Preston Makedona for almost 75 minutes and in that time Krefl saw positive signs that the style of football he wants his side to play is emerging.

"I know that the only way to get fans back to games is to play attractive football and we dominated the game against Preston for almost 75 minutes. Preston can learn about skill and how to knock the ball around by watching us but we also can learn about determination and strength from watching them. They beat us because they knocked us off our feet in the final 15 minutes."

"We've lost players over the last couple of years and I've had to bring on the youngsters, but players like Maxwell, Tobin and Caccere are maturing quickly which is a good sign. I've spent about \$8,500 on new players over the past two years and lost players worth \$80,000. Go ask Sydney City and South Melbourne how much they've spent in that time."

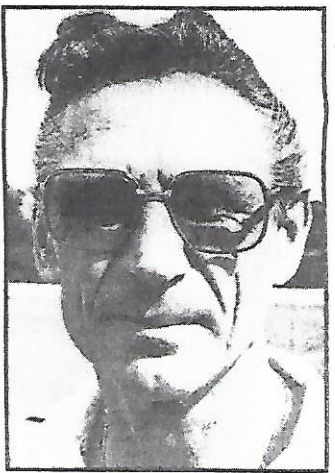
Krefl, 56, is in his third coaching stint with Juventus. He coached the team, then in State League, for four years in the first half of the 1970s, took a year off "to get a break" then returned and in the opinion of many critics, guided one of the finest footballing outfits in NSL history during his second term in 1977 and midway through 1978. That 1977 side still stands out in his mind.

"That was the best Adelaide City team ever to play in the NSL. That's how I want my present players to play. It was attractive soccer that also got results. Ask established soccer writers what they thought



Frank Arok — what rating awaits him?

Kick out Hakoah, says Juve coach



Adelaide Juventus coach Edmund Krefl

about that 1977 team and they'll tell you just how good it was.

Krefl marvels at ball skills from a bygone era, but while the 1950s and 60s produced great artistry, the 80s are a lot more competitive.

"Back in the old days we imported classy players to Australian top third and fourth division players. It was far more skilful then but the game now is faster, the marking is tighter, and it's a lot more competitive. In the 60s we'd train twice a week. Now it's three or four times a week and the fitness level is far superior."

Krefl was born in Poland and played as a centre forward or inside right with Polonia, now in Second Division. He represented the state of Gdansk 33 times and almost followed the great Vic Janczyk to Polonia Melbourne in 1959 but was unable to gain a release from his club.

Krefl finally came to Polonia Adelaide in 1961, played with the club for a couple of years and coached it for five years. He also played for South Australia, making his debut when he was 37.

He became coach of South Australia in 1967, a position he held for eight years, guiding the state team in 36 games. He was the first coach in the state's history to earn a draw against a touring side (Inter Bratislava, 1-1 in 1971) and the first coach to record a win against a touring side (Legia Warsaw 2-1, in 1974).

"I introduced a youth policy to the state team. Back in 1967 and 1968 I played Bugsy Nyskohus, John Perin, Roger Romanowicz and Billy Birch and in the early 70s I introduced Barry Reynolds and Roy Burket to the team."

Maybe it's his established reputation and his fine football background which have stopped him from ever having to apply for a coaching job.

"I have never applied for a coaching job in my life and I never will. If someone thinks that I'm the man for the job then they can approach me and we'll see what can be done."

He's in the second year of his third term as Juventus coach and there certainly is a big job to be done as Krefl tried to rekindle the flame which burned brightly for the club in the early days of the



Cross to beat Hellas again?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Makedonia and George Cross face up to each other in the National Cup semi-finals tonight (Wednesday) for the second time in four days.

The other semi-final is between Sydney Olympic and the Cup holder, Newcastle-Rosebud, at St George Stadium.

Olympic should beat Newcastle, despite the presence of Newcastle's little striker Derek Todd, but the other semi-final is anyone's guess, for George Cross won its last match at Olympic Park — against Croatia — and actually outplayed Makedonia for long periods of their league match last Sunday.

Newcastle won't get much rest between games, because it meets APiA at Adamstown Oval on Saturday night. APiA will be rejoined by Terry Butler who was suspended last weekend, and Vince Colagiuri is running hot in attack.

Makedonia clashes with arch-rival Heidelberg-Alexander at Connor Reserve on Sunday. Heidelberg was top of the ladder before being beaten by Green Gully in a game in which it missed a penalty. Makedonia will be a little weary from its Cup semi-final, so Heidelberg has the chance to make amends.

Incidentally — hear the one about Jim Gabrielson punching fellow committeeman Paul Shomos at Heidelberg?

George Cross beat South Melbourne Lions 1-0 with a goal by Ossie Latif at Middle Park last year, and 'Cross now is a vastly better team than it was in 1984. However, due to the mid-week commitment, George Cross probably won't be able to do any better than draw — if that!

Ante Ljubic will have his first full game for Melbourne

Croatia against Green Gully which will have Stuart Cannell back in defence, and George Campbell on the left flank. Campbell was man of the match in his first game after transferring last Saturday from Makedonia. With Shaun Parton in doubt due to injury, Croatia looks doomed to defeat.

Sydney City Hakoah, which meets Sydney Olympic at Sydney Athletics Field, may drop Socceroo captain John Kosmina.

Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson made his threat after Penrith had beaten Hakoah last Sunday. "It was a disappointing result and there will be some changes for sure," he said. "Some players have lost their confidence and the changes have been coming for the past few weeks."

Olympic goes into the match without Nick Theodorakopoulos who broke a leg in the match against Wollongong last Sunday. Theodorakopoulos, top scorer in the NSW State League in 1983, has been filling in as centre back due to the absence of injured Tony Dakos who will be out for yet another week. However, Martin Rogers is back from the U.K., and likely to replace Theodorakopoulos in the side.

Another player facing the axe is Wollongong goalkeeper Natch Vardareff. Before last Sunday's game against Olympic, Wollongong coach Adrian Alston said: "It is his last chance. He will need to have a blinder or he will find youngster Sean Billington replacing him."

Vardareff didn't have a blinder by any means, so it looks like Billington will be playing against Marconi whose coach Les Scheinflug hopes for the return of Peter Treddnick and Craig Mason, especially since Geoff Gunning was sent off against APiA.

Sydney Croatia should stay on top of the Northern ladder, thanks to Zarko Odzakovic and Vedran Rozic whose combined talents will be too much for Canberra to handle.

Bottom team Footscray J.U.S.T. — now six points inside the relegation zone — travels to Brisbane where an-

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Leaders:
8. Egan (SMH).
5. Lewis (GG).
4. Latif (SCG).
3. Villani (ACJ), Steven-son (H'b), House, Ward (M.Cr), Smith, Spink, Cole (Mak).

Youth games

This Sunday's Victorian Youth League games:

Brunswick Juventus v Fawkner; South Melbourne Hellas v Sunshine-George Cross; Nunawading City v Footscray J.U.S.T.; Preston Makedonia v Heidelberg Alexander; Green Gully v Melbourne Croatia; Frankston Pines v Croydon City.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Makedonia	4	1	0	18	7	9
Heidelberg	4	0	1	27	8	9
Melb Croatia	3	1	1	7	3	7
S. George Cr.	3	0	2	7	6	6
B'wick Juve	2	2	1	18	13	6
Green Gully	2	1	2	13	5	5
Sth Melb Hellas	2	1	2	9	10	5
Fawkner	2	1	2	8	13	5
Footscray JUST	2	0	3	7	10	4
N'wading C.	1	3	1	3	11	3
Croydon	1	0	4	3	23	2
Frankston Pines	0	5	6	29	0	0

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week

LONDON (1) (Syl Olympic)			NYSKOHUS (1) (Ad.C.Juventus)		
LEWIS (1) (BU-Juventus)	ROZIC (2) (Sydney Croatia)	HONEYMAN (3) (WA-Hellas)			
MCDOWELL (1) (SM-Hellas)	FABRIZIO (1) (Brisbane City)	G. CAMPBELL (1) (Green Gully)			
COLAGIURI (1) (APiA)	SMITH (1) (Makedonia)	SLATER (1) (St Geo.Budapest)			

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SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v. Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park, 7.30 pm
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Newcastle-Rosebud at St George Stadium, 7.30 pm.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday

Newcastle-Rosebud v. APiA-LEICHHARDT at Adamstown Oval, 7 pm

Sunday

South Melbourne Hellas v. Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm
BRISBANE LIONS v. Footscray J.U.S.T. at Richlands, 3 pm

Preston-Makedonia v. HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Connor Reserve, 3 pm
GREEN GULLY v. Melbourne Croatia at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm

West Adelaide Hellas v. Brisbane City (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm

St George Budapest v BLACKTOWN at St George Stadium, 3 pm

Canberra City Olympians v SYDNEY CROATIA at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm

MARCONI v Wollongong at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Sydney City Hakoah at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm

Penrith v INTER-MONARO at Cook Park, 3 pm

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS v. Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm

other defeat appears imminent, for Lions should regain Russell Stuart, Steve Jackson, Joe Cairney and Alan Niven who all missed last Sunday's scoreless draw with Brunswick-Juventus.

Juventus takes on its Adelaide counterpart — Adelaide City Juventus, who will miss stopper Neville Flounders, sent off against Hellas last weekend. Everything is going wrong for the South Australians, and it won't be any different at Olympic Park No. 2 ground.

Bobby Hebb has pleurisy, so he continues to be absent from the Penrith side which meets Inter-Monaro at Cook Park.

Inter-Monaro has been using Baz Giampolo only as a substitute, but if he lines up from the start, Inter-Monaro could just about grab its first win.

West Adelaide, so defensive against Melbourne Croatia last Sunday, will find Brisbane City just as defensive at Hindmarsh Stadium, meaning another scoreless draw is on the cards, while Blacktown City, perhaps reinforced by Cliff Ponting and Alex Bottalico, looks too slick for St George.

NORTHERN DIVISION

PENRITH 1 (Hunter 73rd) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1095. Ratings by Peter Scott:

PENRITH: Gibson 7 — Brogan 5, MacIntosh 7, Ainsworth 7, Toohy 7, Cross 6 — Wotherspoon 8, Campbell 7 — Hunter 7, Jackson 6, Licata 7. Coach: Willie Wallace

HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Cant 6, Robertson 6, Gomez 7, De Marigny 7 — Watson 5, Kay 6 (father 65th), Barnes 5 — Farina 8, Kosmina 5, Lee 7 (Rodriguez 77th). Coach: Eddie Thomson

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Farina (H), 5. Wotherspoon (P), 4. Toohy, 3. MacIntosh (P), 2. Gomez (H), 1. Ainsworth (P)

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 0 ST GEORGE 1 (John O'Shea 65th) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,215. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Economopoulos 8 — Ontong 8, Harkins 7, Byrne 7, Jones 5 — Bryant 7, Mihalides 6 (Burke 75th), Sermanni 7 — Phillips 8, English 7, Gibson 6 (Lamond 57th). Coach: Roy Thompson

ST GEORGE: Greedy 8 — Skeen 8, Green 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7 — Stone 7, J. O'Shea 7, Bozanic 6 (Ricey 63rd) — Slater 8, Koczka 7, Petkovski 6 (Morton 82nd). Coach: Frank Ark

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of Year award: 6. Slater (St.G), 5. Ontong (Can), 4. Greedy (St.G), 3. Economopoulos (Can), 2. Skeen (St.G), 1. Phillips (Can)

APiA 4 McCulloch 18th, Caban 43rd, Colagiuri 57th and 60th. MARCONI 1 (Jankovics) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 3451. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk:

APiA: Catlin 6 — Spina 6 (Casaccia 79th), Mariani 7, Rowden 6, Brown 6 — McCulloch 7, Bertogna 7, De Ceglie 6 — Colagiuri 8, Caban 7, Moraleo 6 (Genovesse 70th). Coach: Ri Bottalico

MARCONI: McPherson 6 — Carter 6, Henderson 6, Calderon 6, Sterrey 5 — Gray 6, Mason 6 (Driene 70th), G. Gunning 5 (sent off 49th) — Brown 6, Jankovics 6 (Reid 79th), Lowe 6. Coach: Les Scheinflug

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Colagiuri (APiA), 5. McCulloch (APiA), 4. Bertogna (APiA), 3. Caban (APiA), 2. Henderson (Marconi), 1. Gray (Marconi)

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Villani 23rd and 33rd) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Blair 28th, McDowell 74th) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: about 600. Ratings by Allan Crisp:

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Donnelly 7, Flounders 7 (sent off 64th), Nyskohus 9, Cecere 8 — Santrac 6, Northcote 6, Villani 8, Maxwell 8 — Muller 7, Rankin 8. Coach: Chris Williams

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Blair 8, Yeendorn 6, Posteloglou 8 — Helford 7, McDowell 9, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 7, Brown 8. Coach: Len McKendry

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Nyskohus (AC), 5. McDowell (SM), 4. Villani (AC), 3. Blair (SM), 2. Posteloglou (SM), 1. Cecere (AC)

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd about 1500. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

CROATIA: Runje 7 — Curcio 6, Antolovic 6, Parton 6, Ilinj sub Campbell 49th, Hannah 7 — Deankovic 7, Golevic 7, Cumming 7 — Biskic 7, Ward 7, Ljubic 6 (Markovic 55, half time). Coach: Damagoj Kapetanovic

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Spruiell 6 — Hiem 6, Brown 6, Honeyman 9, McGregor 7 — Mousoulidis 6, Atsalas 6, Manou 7, Scott 6 — Konstandopoulos 7, Price 6. Coach: Neil McGachey

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Honeyman (WAH), 5. Biskic (MC), 4. Ward (MC), 3. Konstandopoulos (WAH), 2. Deankovic (MC), 1. Manou (WAH)

BRISBANE LIONS 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 at Richlands. Crowd: 1174. Ratings by guest adjudicator, Lions fullback Alan Niven:

LIONS: Evans 7, McKimming 7, Hunter 8, Vasquez 7, T. Redmond 6 — Bassingthwaite 6, J. Stewart 6, Ogden 6 — Anderson 6, Wright 8, McGregor 7 (Tonner 88th). Coach: Gordon Acrowsmith

JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 9, Dowie 5, Brown 6, Campbell 8 — Wade 7, Peterson 7, Incentapulo 4, Cullen 6 — Sweeney 6, (Miranda 74th), Zinni 5. Coach: John Margaritis

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Lewis (BJ), 5. Hunter (BL), 4. Wright (BL), 3. Campbell (BJ), 2. Petersen (BJ), 1. McKimming (BJ)

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
STH MELBOURNE HELLAS	3	0	11	7	9	
MELBOURNE CROATIA	3	2	1	9	3	8
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	3	2	1	10	5	8
MAKEDONIA	3	2	1	10	7	8
BU-JUVENTUS	2	3	1	7	6	7
Sun. George Cross	2	3	1	5	5	7
Green Gully	2	2	2	9	7	6
West Adel. Hellas	2	2	2	5	6	6
Brisbane Lions	2	2	2	4	6	6
Brisbane City	1	2	3	5	8	4
Adel. City Juventus	0	3	3	7	13	3
Footscray JUST	0	6	5	17	0	

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SYDNEY CROATIA	4	1	1	13	7	9
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	4	0	2	15	8	8
APiA-LEICHHARDT	4	0	2	13	9	8
BLACKTOWN	4	0	2	9	5	8
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	4	0	2	6	4	8
Canberra City Olympians	2	3	1	9	6	7
Marconi	2	3	1	10	11	7
Penrith	2	2	2	6	4	6
St George Budapest	2	1	3	5	5	5
Wollongong	2	0	4	11	17	4
Newcastle-Rosebud	0	2	4	5	14	2
Inter-Monaro	0	6	6	4	16	0

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It's Honeyman!

Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide Hellas has overtaken Charlie Egan in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award, but Egan still leads in the \$1000 top scorer award.

Honeyman, best on the ground against Melbourne Croatia, now has 25 votes one more than Egan, while Alan Hunter of Brisbane Lions made a strong surge, to be only four points behind Honeyman, level with Stewart Stevenson of Heidelberg on 21 votes.

Top vote-getters:
25. Honeyman (WAH)
24. Egan (SMH)

21. Hunter (BL), Stevenson (Hb)
20. Bryant (Can), Wheatley (B), Rozic (SCr)
19. Biskic (M Cr), Deankovic (M Cr), Gomez (SCH)
17. Maxwell (ACJ), Trainades (Mak)
16. Bundulo (W), Patikas (SCr), Nyskohus (ACJ)
15. Senkalski (NR), Koczka (StG)
14. Dickson (W), J. Stewart (BL), Jennings (SO), Wishart (BC)
Top scorers:
5. Egan (SMH)
5. Jankovics (Mar), Lewis (GG)
4. Colagiuri (APiA), Latif (SGC), Farina (SGC)
3. Caban (APiA), Villani (ACJ), Stevenson (Hb), House, Ward (M Cr), Komini, Gomez (SCH), Smith, Spink, Cole (Mak)

WOLLONGONG 1 (Giannone 70th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Svinos 7th, Kalantzis 70th) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd 1375. Ratings by Knut Werner:

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 5 — Green 7, Willis 7, Dickson 8, Condon 7 — Bundulo 8, Kerr 7, Hristovski 7 — Godzik 7, Kotamanidis 7, Giannone 8. Coach: Adrian Alston

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: London 9 — Johnston 6, Theodorakopoulos 10, sub Kalantzis 7, 20th, Lambropoulos 8, Jennings 7 — Phillips 7, Raskopoulou 7, Katholos 8 — Koussas 7, Soper 7, Svinos 7 (Polias 50th). Coach: Manfred Schaefer

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. London (SO), 5. Dickson (W), 4. Giannone (W), 3. Lambropoulos (SO), 2. Bundulo (W), 1. Katholos (SO)

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Odzakovic 6th, Patikas 69th) INTER MONARO 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4738. Referee: Gary Power 8. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

SYD CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 — Basic 7, Vidalc 7, Rozic 9, Rezo 7 — M. Kovacic 7, Odzakovic 7, Savor 5 — Jurin 6 (Tomassich 61st 7), Arnold 5, Patikas 8

INTER MONARO: Hocking 8 — Budini 7, Santolin 7, Titilas 7, Gugetti 7 (Giampolo 46th 6) — C. Ambrosio 5, Carbone 6, Walsh 7 — Brennan 7 (Monteroso 7 1st), Willox 6, Thaminides 6

Points for Boral Bricks award: 6. Vedran Rozic (SC), 5. Hocking (IM), 4. Patikas (SC), 3. Vidalc (SC), 2. Odzakovic (SC), 1. Santolin (IM)

BLACKTOWN 4 (Wheatly 32nd, O'Connor 62nd, Larkin 75th, pen, McKie 78th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 0 at Gabbie Oval. Crowd: About 500. Ratings by Andrew Dettre:

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 7 — Skeen 6, Wheatley 8, Daley 6, Bourke 7 — Selvaige 7, Thornthwaite 6, Knight 6 — Bradley 5, (O Connor 60th), McKie 6, Larkin 6, Coach: C. De Bruin

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: Gosling 5 — Maier 7, Boogard 6, (sent off 88th min), Owens 6, Thompson 5 — Young 7, McQuarrie 5, Kerby 5 — Stewart 6, Todd 6, D. Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher

Boral award: 6. Wheatley (B), 5. Selvaige (B), 4. Senkalski (IN), 3. Maier (N), 2. Hoare (B), 1. Bourke (B)

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 2 (Latif 33rd, 56th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Smith 42nd, Cole 44th) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 4,100. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 — Taylor 7, Richardson 7, Bennett 8, Campbell 7 — Bain 7, Faulkner 8, MacLaren 7 — Mitten 7, Gilder 7, Latif 7. Coach: John Gardiner

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trainades 6 — McMillan 7, Dunn 7, Dobson 7, Opasinski 7 — Iloski 7, Flavell 7, Lane 7 (Heys 65th) — Spink 7, Smith 8, Cole 7. Coach: Bill Murray

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Smith (PM), 5. Faulkner (SCG), 4. Bennett (SCG), 3. Mitten (SCG), 2. Flavell (PM), 1. Dunn (PM)

HEIDELBERG 1 (Winn 24th) GREEN GULLY 3 (Campbell 27th, Yankos o.g. 35th, Lewis 58th pen) at Olympic Village. Attendance: 1500 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — MacKie 7, Yankos 7, Angele 8, Marley 8 — Selemidis 6, Tasios 6 (Gabrielson 76th), Valentine 6, Winn 6 — Stevenson 8, Patterson 6 (Metaxas 60th), Coach: Brian Garvey

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7 — Young 7, McQuarrie 7, Williams 7, Murray 8 — Smart 7, Lloyd 7, Vassallo 7, Campbell 9 — Lucchesi 8, Lewis 7 (Smallman 60th). Coach: Bobby McLachlan

Best players for Boral Bricks player of the year award: 6. Campbell (GG), 5. Murray (GG), 4. Lucchesi (GG), 3. Marley (H), 2. Stevenson (H), 1. Angele (H)

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Lazopoulos 22nd) BRISBANE CITY 3 (Hamilton 29th, Fabrizio 42nd, Mengotti 56th) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: About 750. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7 — Curvicio 6 (Stojicovic 75th) Macleod 7, Kyriakoulas 6, Lujic 6 — Tasecki 5 (Belic 63rd), Karic 6, O'Donnell 6 — Lazopoulos 6, Carroll 5, Topai 7. Coach: Rocco Iile

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7 — Mengotti 8, Milovanovic 1, Wilkinson 7, Bromfield 7 — Scriggins 75th, Carey 7. Coach: Jim Hermiston

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Fabrizio (BC), 5. Ham-

Latif grabs two, now for James

**S.G. Cross 2
Makedonia 2**

Scorers: Latif 33rd, 56th (SGC); Smith 42nd, Cole 44th (Mak).
Venue: Chaplin Reserve.
Crowd: 4,100.
Cautions: Dunn, Flavell (Mak).
Referee: Jim Folanos 8.



Craig Mackenzie

**Man of the Match:
STEVE SMITH
(Makedonia)**

Tyrone James is expected to arrive from England within a fortnight as Sunshine-George Cross continues to take giant strides towards consolidating its NSL status.

Although it took a crazy goal to earn Cross a 2-2 draw with Preston Makedonia the home team was superb in the first half and with just an ounce of luck could have had three or four goals in that time.

James, 28, a defender, will give quality and depth to Cross which battled Makedonia almost to a standstill, setting up a classic confrontation in tonight's National Cup semifinal at Olympic Park.

The first half was as good a spectacle as I've seen this year and although the oppressive humidity forced the pace to slacken after half time, there was plenty to excite fans from both sides.

In the eighth minute, a cheeky backheel from Noel Mitten set up Don MacLaren whose crafty chip beat Phillip Traianedes only to strike the bar.

Makedonia strung a superb

interpassing move together in the 17th minute to get the ball to Steve Smith. He slipped past Gerry Bennett and crossed to the far side of the area where Gary Cole cut inside a defender then struck a low shot which Lou Kastner saved.

A minute later Ian Dobson's mis-hit clearance sent the ball to Carl Gilder whose firm shot hit the near post and bounced out of play.

In the 20th minute, George Cross fans found their voices as Mitten turned Con Opasimis and played the ball to Gilder.

His lay-off went to MacLaren whose stunning first time pass split the Makedonia defence and sent Latif clear, but he didn't strike his shot cleanly and Traianedes got down to save.

Great work by Smith on the

right in the 28th minute saw the 1984 Bill Fleming Medal winner crossing to the far post where Warren Spink mistimed his header and Kastner plucked the ball out of the air.

Three minutes later Chris Taylor, surging down the right, looked to have lost possession. Taylor, never one to give up easily, kept battling and suddenly emerged with the ball on the right of the Makedonia area. He let fly with a ferocious drive which sent the ball crashing against the near post and out of play.

The breakthrough came in the 33rd minute. Mitten laid the ball off to Roger Bain who drove it across. Gilder got the faintest of touches with his head and there was Latif, unmarked, at the far post. Latif didn't strike the ball cleanly but Traianedes had been wrongfooted and was helpless as the ball bounced into goal to make it 1-0.

Traianedes, unusually, wasn't handling the ball well on the ground. He fumbled a fairly innocuous Latif shot in the 37th minute and a minute later, Latif blasted the ball well wide when he should at least have got it on target.

Just when it looked that Cross would take a 1-0 lead into the dressing rooms, Makedonia exploded into action with two goals in two minutes, stunning the home team's fans.

Zoran Ilioski, wide on the left, played the ball short to Sean Lane who switched play to Gordon Flavell on the right. Flavell crossed to the far post where Smith's header was blocked by a defender only to put him in possession again and this time he made no mistake, striking the ball into the far corner for the equaliser.

Two minutes later, Con Opasimis scooted past Mitten on the left and chipped the ball over for Cole, whose firm header gave Kastner no chance.

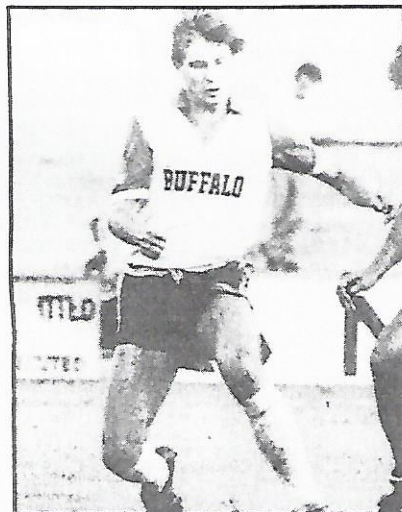
The freak goal was to earn Cross a point came in the 56th minute. George McMillan had two chances to clear. From his second attempt, he struck the ball into Latif and it rebounded past a stunned Traianedes.

Makedonia still pressed forward and created the best two chances of the remaining minutes.

The first came in the 67th minute. Ilioski swung over a corner to the far post and Dobson outjumped everyone only to have his fine header headed off the line by John Campbell.

In the 75th minute Cole laid the ball off to Spink. Kastner did well to parry Spink's low shot but the ball fell for the incoming Cole, who blew the chance by shooting into the side netting.

If this game is anything to go by, especially the first half, tonight's Cup clash should be a cracker. There's no way I'll be missing it.



• Midfielder Jeff Faulkner — in sparkling form for Sunshine-George Cross.



• Charlie Villani (left) of Adelaide Juventus scores his second goal against SM-Hellas whose full back Angie Postecoglou tries in vain to clear off the line. The goalkeeper is Peter Laumets and No. 9 is Joe Mullen. Picture: Brian Charlton, "The Advertiser".

Flounders sent off, Maxwell bombs penalty, McKendry moans again



Allan Crisp

**Man of the match:
BUGSY NYSKOHUS
(AC-Juventus)**

**AC-Juventus 2
SM-Hellas 2**

SCORERS: Villani 23rd and 33rd; Blair 28th, McDowell 74th.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.
CROWD: about 600.
Referee: Tony Martell 6.

A send off and a missed penalty raised the roof when Adelaide City Juventus and South Melbourne Hellas slithered to an entertaining draw on the waterlogged Kensington surface as Juventus tried valiantly to notch its first win of the season.

Controversy reigned from the kick-off with Juventus being denied a penalty, before home defender Neville Flounders was sent off and a disputed spot-kick was not converted by the usually reliable Steve Maxwell.

The game was played in almost continuous rain, but in his post-match conference, Hellas coach Len McKendry complained about almost everything except the weather.

The major gripe concerned referee Tony Martell, who McKendry claimed turned the contest into a 'joke'.

McKendry was critical of the 56th minute penalty that was awarded for a foul on Joe Mullen by Angelo Postecoglou and he blasted the referee for giving Juventus a free kick after he sent off Juventus defender Neville Flounders for allegedly striking Charlie Egan.

Martell stopped play in the midfield after linesman Paul Smallman drew his attention to the dust-up between Flounders and Egan taking place in the Juventus penalty box.

But after red-carding Flounders and cautioning Egan, Martell restarted the game with a free kick to Juventus instead of dropping the ball where the game was stopped.

McKendry's criticisms were, in the main, justified, but they would have carried more weight had the Hellas supremo not fired a salvo of suspicion regarding Adelaide referees before he left Melbourne.

However, McKendry was right in saying that Egan should have joined Flounders



• Charlie Egan after his clash with Neville Flounders who was sent off. Picture by FRANK HOBBS



• John Yzendoorn and SM-Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets are left in his wake as Charlie Villani brings up his first goal. Picture by BRIAN CHARLTON

as recipient of a red card. As it was, Juventus saw its hopes of a shock win go with the big defender when he trooped dejectedly off the field.

Juventus coach Edmund Kreft was proud of the way his players responded to the tough task of trying to lower the champion's colors.

And no sooner did the final whistle sound than he began planning the return of Sergio Mella for the clash with Brunswick Juventus this week.

Mella was named as a substitute for this game, but Kreft wisely decided not to risk the ace midfielder's knee on the treacherous surface.

Juventus's 200-game plus veteran Bussy Nyskohus was the match hero with a determined display of gutsy last line defending, which included several classic slide-tackles on an afternoon that was perfect for the art.

Juventus should have been awarded a penalty in the third minute when Postecoglou tackled Peter Rankin from behind as the young Juventus still grabbed the lead when Charlie Villani accepted a pass from Rankin before driving home.

Hellas snapped back through Steve Blair who was Johnny-on-the-spot after coming up from the back to meet a Doug Brown corner that was relayed via Egan.

Juventus climbed back with a sharp goal as Joe Mullen lobbed from the right where Adrian Santra produced the ball forward for Villani to score with a delightful sidefoot first-time.

Laumets dealt easily with Maxwell's powderpuff spot-kick before Gary McDowell salvaged a point by scoring through a posse of foes and friends with 16 minutes left.



• Man of the match Bussy Nyskohus (left) dispossesses Charlie Egan. Picture by FRANK HOBBS



Kosmina out?



Peter Scott

**Man of the match:
FRANK FARINA
(Hakoah)**

**Penrith 1
SC-Hakoah 0**

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd: 1095.
Referee: Arthur Owens 6.

Cautions: Ainsworth and Licata (Penrith), Kay and Barnes (Hakoah).
Scorer: Hunter 73rd.

Socceroo skipper John Kosmina on the reserves' bench against Sydney Olympic.

Hard to believe, but that is what furious Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson is considering in the aftermath of his team's disaster of an encounter against Penrith City.

While Willie Wallace was quietly pleased about the two invaluable points and heaped praise on his players, the Hakoah chief was ruminating about his worst fears of the past two weeks — coming true. Penrith having grabbed two draws last year against his team.

But getting down to Kosmina. My feeling is that while the great centre forward did indeed play a dreadful game against the Mountaineers, if I was a betting man I would wager he will be back in his familiar starting position against Olympic at the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday. And this clash is always a big one.

There will be changes in the side for sure, and they've been coming for a while now. Thomson said: "Three or four of our guys just seem to have lost confidence."

"But in a big game, in front of a big crowd, with Steve O'Connor back on deck, we'll pull ourselves together again."

Hakoah's star-studded side only has itself to blame for letting this one slip from its grasp, as indifferent form and, even more unfortunately, aim by their strikers, lost the points.

But Penrith were no mugs by a long shot — in fact they jostled and hustled Hakoah right from the start. Within quarter of an hour their livewire midfielder Ian Wortherspoon created one chance and missed two other glaring opportunities.

He hit the upright, had Jim Cant stretching to clear from him and nearly popped the ball into the net from a Robertson-Pezzano muckup in the Hakoah rearguard.

From then on Hakoah took over, due mainly to the sparkling form of Frank Farina. He hit the crossbar with a glorious first time shot, saw a diving header being off the post and generally made the lot of his opposing fullbacks an absolute misery.

But one Farina could not swing this one Hakoah's way. In the 73rd minute Ainsworth sidefooted a free kick just outside the penalty area to Rene Licata. The former Marconi winger took his shot, which deflected off a defender to Ian Hunter and the young Socceroos' erstwhile skipper managed to get it into the net for probably Penrith's "biggest" goal this season.

In the run-up to the final whistle Hakoah kept plugging away — substitute Graeme Fletcher even missed a sitter — but they never looked really convincing.

Overall, the Blues should be sorry they let Vic Bozanic slip through their fingers to St George Budapest, as a top notch midfielder definitely would not have gone amiss on the day. Even though Hakoah's players seemed justified in their disgust over not being awarded a 36th minute penalty after Dave Macintosh gave Gerry Gomez an almighty header in the back, none of them begrudged Penrith their upset win.

As Thomson summed it up: "The effort is there, they are all trying, but the attitude of been there, done that of some of our players simply must go."

NSL UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD
\$500 to the winner

- Leaders:
- 21. Hunter (BL).
 - 17. Maxwell (ACJ), Traianedes (Mak).
 - 16. Bundalo (W).
 - 15. Koczka (St.G).
 - 14. Dickson (Wm).
 - 12. Colagiuri (APIA), Farina (SCH).
 - 11. Jackson (BL), Cristaldo (M.Cr), Franken (Can).

NATIONAL LEAGUE BEST GOALKEEPER AWARD
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- Leaders:
- 17. Traianedes (Mak).
 - 14. Wishart (BC).
 - 12. Hocking (IM), Hoare (Black).
 - 11. Franken (Can), Gosling (NR), Gibson (P), Kastner (SCG).



J.U.S.T. outgunned and outclassed

Foot JUST 1 Brisb City 3

Scorers: Lazopoulos 22nd, Hamilton 29th, Fabrizio 42nd, Mengotti 56th
Venue: Schintler Reserve
Crowd: About 750
Yellow Cards: Mengotti (BC), Milanovic (BC), Kyriakoulas (J)
Referee: Evan Venios 8

It seems that the lone suffering Footscray JUST supporters will have to wait a while for the birth of a more effective and successful team.

Despite the optimistic comments by new coach Rocco Ilie and team manager Branko Buljevic prior to the match, JUST performed poorly and was outgunned on the day by a better organised and more dedicated Brisbane City. Even with the inclusion of former Heidelberg strongman Don Macleod, the Footscray defence looked fragile.

As individuals, Macleod and Kyri Kyriakoulas did reason-

ably well, but they need time to settle in as a combination. There appeared to be uncertainty as to who should pick up and who should keep. Unless they get their act together in a hurry JUST will be vulnerable in this critical central defensive position.

In midfield, the home team was completely outclassed, Luciano Fabrizio and Bobby Hamilton won hands down, scoring a goal each and they were well supported by Andy Champman.

By comparison, the Footscray midfield trio of Ilija Taseki, Tom Karic and Brian O'Donnell looked very much out of touch and contributed little.

By the time Vlatko Belic and Milan Stojilovic were brought on as substitutes, the horse had bolted and with a handy two goal lead, Brisbane City coasted home to a comfortable victory.

Entertained of an instant solution to its problems.

To me lack of fitness is a feeble excuse. As far as I could



Ken Kontra

see JUST is not beaten by superior running power!

Lack of purpose, organisation and application, and the need for one or two class players would be more to the point. If Rocco Ilie and Branko Buljevic can address themselves to these issues, then given time, perhaps the miracle can be performed.

The match was delayed due to the late arrival of the plane from Brisbane. JUST took the initiative in the early stages, and Tom Karic headed just past the post and Ernie Tapi

had two shots charged down in the opening 10 minutes.

Incidentally, young Tapi shows a lot of promise, and with better service, could develop into a top player. He has speed, ball control and can run for 90 minutes. Late in the game he dropped back, allowing Zdzauk Lukic to go forward and even in defence he was one of JUST's better players.

In the 12th minute, Brisbane City should have taken the lead. Fabrizio's free kick was blasted over the bar by Peter Clarey from five metres.

Ten minutes later, JUST took the lead. Joe Carroll crossed from the right, and Bill Lazopoulos outjumped the defence to head home from close range.

The home team's jubilation was short lived. In the 29th minute Bobby Hamilton converted Andy Chapman's pass with an angled shot for the equaliser.

A few minutes later, Steve Glockner capitalised on a mis-

Man of the match: LUCIANO FABRIZIO (Bris. City)

understanding between Don Macleod and Kyre Kyriakoulas but hastily blasted over the bar from 10 metres.

In the 36th minute Carey's header was well saved by Dennis Boland and at the other end, Joe Carroll tested Wishart with a shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Frank Mengotti brought the ball forward releasing Alan Reis. Reis's shot on the turn was brilliantly palmed around the post by Boland.

In the 42nd minute Steve Glockner picked up a long clearance between the hesitating Macleod and Kyriakoulas, but his shot was blocked. Luciano Fabrizio picked up the rebound and put the victors in

front with a sizzling shot from 15 metres.

Eleven minutes into the second half Frank Mengotti delivered the coup de grace when he collected a loose ball inside his own half and beat Dennis Boland with a powerful shot on the run from 30 metres.

JUST pushed forward, but to no avail as Brisbane's defence stood firm.

In the closing stages, Alan Reis had a goal disallowed for offside and substitute Lee Scriggins failed to beat Boland in a one-on-one situation from a through ball from Reis.

Recently appointed City coach, Jim Hermiston, was thrilled with the result. He now has a record of one draw and one win since he took charge.

Asked about the game, Hermiston said that the team spirit and enthusiasm of his players was the deciding factor in his opinion. He did not bring up the fitness factor at all.



• Don Macleod — joined JUST from Heidelberg for \$11,000.

Rozic's Croatia shoot for title

Syd. Croatia 2 Inter-Monaro 0

Ground: Croatian Sports Centre
Crowd: 4,738
Referee: G. Power 8
Cautions: Titilas, Brennan
Scorers: Odzakovic 6th, Patikas 69th

After two great wins in the past two weeks against Hakoah and St George, one would have expected Croatia to demolish Inter-Monaro before some 5,000 enthusiastic supporters at the Croatian Sports Centre.

And when Zarko Odzakovic scored after only six minutes the writing was on the wall. Inter-Monaro, minus Walter Valeri and Angelo Ambrosino, looked set to be hammered for six (goals not runs).

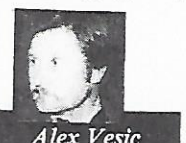
But somehow, all the zest and the clever play of the Croatia team faded away after that goal. Assured of a win against a side that was running last, Croatia's players just didn't put in that extra ounce of energy and enthusiasm to give the game a lift.

And in the end it was to the three glamor men in the Croatia line-up to determine the issue: First Odzakovic, and his goal and then Vedran Rozic, Croatia's coach, captain and mastermind who provided the pass which gave Jim Patikas an easy passage to score the second.

Don't get me wrong, Patikas had to work hard to finish off this brilliant move by Rozic. He shrugged off one defender, then set sail for Michael Hocking's goal. And when it looked as if Patikas might have run a shade too far, he flicked it past Hocking into the far corner of the net.

No wonder Patikas was so happy! He ran 40 metres to thank Rozic for the pass which gave him the opportunity to seal the match.

If Croatia is to win the title it will be because of Rozic. He has instilled so much confidence in players who were considered of average standard. Improvement in the performances of Drago Rozic, Marjan Kovacic, Bruno Vidacic and Tom Basic is quite remarkable!



Alex Vesic

Despite the fact that Croatia was only one goal up for almost 70 minutes, Croatia's dominance never waned.

It is the confidence instilled not only by Rozic but also Odzakovic that makes Croatia a real threat for the National title.

But goals would have made this encounter a lot more satisfying.

Arnold was the first among many offenders. He faced Hocking but could not beat him in the 12th. Then Titilas made his way past two Croatia attackers to head past his own keeper and had to struggle before clearing just in front of Patikas.

All hell broke loose as Rozic and Odzakovic worked a free kick that resulted in some three shots being blocked almost on the line by Inter defenders in the 21st. Then it was the turn of Zejko Jurin to face Hocking who made yet another brilliant save.

It was Jurin again in the 45th but Hocking was too good once more.

Inter Monaro had its first attempt at goal in the 54th through Tony Brennan but his shot from an angle was well saved by Woodhouse.

With Croatian supporters chanting for more goals, in came Croatia with the new vigour. Wally Savor chested across by Drago Rezo against the crossbar! In the 62nd, then Jimmy Patikas saw his shot cleared off the line by Inter striker Billy Willox.

However, Inter failed to stop Patikas in the 66th after that brilliant pass by Rozic to give Croatia an unassailable lead. Only a minute later Marjan Kovacic found some space inside the box but his shot from an angle was brilliantly saved by Hocking.

Man of the match: VEDRAN ROZIC (Syd. Croatia)

With 11 minutes to go Patikas rattled the post, with the rest of the match being spent in anticipation of more goals which did not come.

Despite the closeness of the scoreline, there's no way that Rozic is leading the table by some stroke of luck. The side is playing some stylish football, with patches of brilliance. Rozic and Odzakovic should take most of the credit for that.



• Danny Wright (left) stretches to reach the ball as he's pushed by Juventus's Paul Wade in a Lions attack. Juve goalkeeper Yakkha Banovic is down and Alan Hunter is there to help Wright. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

Vics. trying to poach Hunter: Lions angry

Bris. Lions 0 BU-Juventus 0

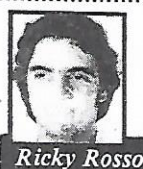
Venue: Richards.
Cautions: T. Redmond (L), Arrowsmith (L), Lewis (J).
Referee: Dave Nugent 8.

Brisbane Lions could submit an official complaint to the NSL over what they claim is poaching by Melbourne clubs on young stopper Alan Hunter.

Lions officials claim, and Hunter has confirmed, that approaches have been made by some Melbourne clubs without prior contact to, or permission from, Lions.

Hunter was reportedly approached after Lions' recent draw with South Melbourne Hellcats at Middle Park and was telephoned by a Melbourne coach mid-week last week.

"They are inducing a break of a player's contract by trying to lure him away from Lions. In simple terms that means



Ricky Rosso

poaching," Lions' secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said. "If it continues then we will be filing a complaint and asking the NSL to act."

Hunter, who has attempted to play down the southern approaches, was again in fine form for Lions against Brunswick-Juventus and surely must be considered by Frank Ark as a standby Soccerro stopper.

The big man nearly scored and was always dominant with his defensive duties.

In the 39th minute he climbed high in the air to head a John Stewart freekick and without fouling Banovic, forced him into error by missing the ball. Hunter spun around to knock the ball into the net but was denied a goal by a desperate lunge by Brian Brown.

In the second half Hunter headed a Tony Redmond cross at the far post and watched as the ball bounced on the line before being cleared among a flurry of feet.

Hunter, along with tough Juventus defender Peter Lewis, who also nearly scored with a header which went just wide, were the few shining lights in a game stifled by the Brisbane heat.

The unseasonal summer weather made good football impossible and both coaches agreed after the match they were happy with the point. Several tireless players like John Stewart and Mike Petersen gave their all early on, but were reduced to a slow trot by the second half.

Lions went into the match devastated by injuries and suspensions with Steve Jackson, Russell Stewart, Joe Cairney and Alan Niven on the sidelines — it was to be Niven's 200th NSL appearance.

Lions fielded young Soccerro Richard Bassingthwaite, while Bob McKimm and Rod Vasquez returned to the starting line-up while Danny Wright made his first home NSL appearance for

Man of the match: PETER LEWIS (BU-Juventus)

12 months, following his ankle injury.

Juventus too had its problems and Richard Miranda started on the bench while sweeper John Dowie was far from fully fit.

Apart from Lewis' header, Juventus's best other scoring opportunity was when Lions keeper Wayne Evans missed a high ball on the edge of his box, which bounced towards the open goal with Joe Sweeney in pursuit.

But the very reliable Hunter cleaned up the scraps and carried the ball out of the goalmouth and to safety.

The best scoring opportunity of the match fell for Lions midfielder John Ogden in the final minute. Wright used some good tired legs to get in behind the tired Juventus defence to play a good ball across the goal.

Ogden, faced with an open goal, could not get above his volley and steered it over the crossbar. While there were no goals, the highlight of the second half was undoubtedly when referee Dave Nugent gave Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith a yellow card after a heated outburst.

Arrowsmith complained bitterly when Nugent stopped the game to allow Brown to replace his boot which had been wrenched off in a tackle. It took almost a minute for him to untie the laces and retie it. Arrowsmith claimed, and rightly so, that the player should have gone to the sidelines.

Arrowsmith and Nugent clashed again in the dressing room afterwards, but later shook hands and said the incident was resolved — although Nugent will still submit a report.

Arrowsmith then turned around and fined himself \$25, in line with a new crackdown at Lions on players being booked for dissent.

"I have to set the example and if it's good enough for the players then it's good enough for me," Arrowsmith said.

APIA 4 Marconi 1

Scorers: McCulloch 18th, Caban 43rd, Colagiuri 57th, 60th (APIA); Jankovics 14th (M).
Venue: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 3451.
Referee: P. Rampley 7.

Cautions: McPherson, Gunning, R. Brown (Marconi), Caban (APIA).
Sent off: Gunning (Marconi).

Two goals in three minutes early in the second half by elusive APIA winger Vince Colagiuri effectively ended the great Italian derby on the hour.

During the match in which there were no big pardons, there seemed to be all sorts of scores to settle and some rugged stuff was dished up with the recipients frequently left writhing agonizingly on the deck.

Most of the "attention" was inevitably focused on the players who had swapped clubs, McCulloch and Martini (ex-Marconi) and Gray and Carter (ex-APIA).

Played at a hectic pace with a total disregard for injuries, the players fought tenaciously for every ball and tactics

Man of the match: VINCE COLAGIURI (APIA)

meant little in this game so highly charged in emotion.

Marconi started well enough when Mark Jankovics headed it into the lead after 14 minutes.

But the game suddenly swung when APIA's roving midfielder Tommy McCulloch, engineered a penalty in the 18th minute, which he duly converted.

Two minutes before the break, Vince Colagiuri skillfully wrongfooted his marker, Lee Sterrey, raced down the right flank and sent over a pinpoint cross for Kerry Caban to nod in at the far post.

Right on half-time, David Lowe should have equalised for Marconi. Tony Henderson's shot cannoned off the crossbar and the rebound fell to Lowe completely alone and he missed from goal, but he passed the ball straight to keeper Bob Catlin.

A costly miss indeed, for in the 49th minute, Marconi was reduced to 10 men with Geoff Gunning sent off for his second cautionable offence and eight minutes later, APIA capitalised on the advantage, crushing in two quick goals.

Colagiuri scored his first with a stunning shot into the far corner from 20 metres which gave keeper Alex McPherson no chance, then in the 60th minute his second, a clinical finish to a crisp move set up by McCulloch and full-back Carlo Spina.

Theodorakopoulos breaks leg

Wollongong 1 Syd. Olympic 2

Scorers: W. Giannone 71st; SO: Svinos 7th, Kalantzis 35th.
Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.
Crowd: 1375.

Season 1985 came to an abrupt end for Sydney Olympic's jack-of-all-trades, Nick Theodorakopoulos, when he broke his right leg in a tackle with Wollongong youngster Domenic Giannone last weekend.

Despite this setback, Olympic stamped its authority on the game with two superb goals in the first half.

The first came in the seventh minute when Arthur Svinos cracked home a header after a cross from Peter Katholios then in the 35th minute Katholios floated another beautiful ball across for substitute Chris Kalantzis to make no mistake with his header.

Kalantzis had replaced Theodorakopoulos.

Olympic's defence led by Graham Jennings, Stuart Johnson and sweeper Peter Raskopoulos, was water tight

Man of the Match: BILL LONDOS (Syd. Olympic)

Midfielder Gary Phillips repeatedly turned defence into attack.

The game began at a blistering pace with Wollongong trying to hammer home an early lead.

And it nearly succeeded in the opening minute when striker Zivko Zivostovski sent a controlled through ball to Giannone but goalkeeper Bill Londos saved the shot.

Olympic's goals gave it a 2-0 cushion at the break.

Wollongong came out with more determination in the second half.

A goal by Giannone in the 71st minute after a free kick from the right side by Bernie Godzik, put Wollongong back in the match.

Coaches Adrian Alston of Wollongong and Manfred Shaffer of Olympic paid tribute to the goalkeeping skills of Londos.

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Campbell sizzles, then blasts Makedonia!

Heidelberg 1 Green Gully 3

Scorers: Winn 24th, Campbell 27th, Yankos, 35th, Lewis 58th pen.
Venue: Olympic Village
Referee: Bernie Upjohn
Cautions: Williams, Lewis, Campbell

George Christopoulos should have little difficulty forcing his way back into the Heidelberg side after its insipid midfield display which gave new boy, George Campbell and the rest of the Green Gully players ample room — especially out wide — to set the foundations for this surprise win.



George Campbell

The result was only the second defeat for Heidelberg in the 15 matches it has played so far this season but for coach Brian Garvey it was nevertheless bitter to accept.

"We've been gaining points but we haven't been dominating and controlling the ball enough," he said.

"We allowed the smallest player on the park a free header for one goal, scored an own goal, blew a penalty and then gave another one at the other end."

"Missing the penalty was at a crucial stage of the game as we had come out for the second half looking like we meant business. If it had gone in, it might have been a different story," Garvey said.

The smallest player on the park of course was none other than George Campbell, back in the NSL Big-time after four months of "soul destroying" stuff in the Preston Makedonia youth team.

Campbell admitted he had reached the stage where he



Peter Desira

was tearing his hair out in the youth side and that, more than anything, convinced him to complete the \$7000 transfer to Green Gully on Saturday night.

But it still left him with extremely bitter feelings about his former club.

Savoring the victory, he said, "It's always good to win especially in the first game for the club but I had to lose money to complete this move."

He called for more integrity and honesty from Makedonia in its dealings with players. "At Hellas at least the players were given a bit of respect but it seems they mean nothing to Makedonia," he said.

Campbell according to Gully coach Bobby McLachlan, had

Man of the match: GEORGE CAMPBELL (Green Gully)

played like a man hungry for a game — "like a man possessed."

The signing may not be the last for the Greens either, as the coach, president Guy Spiteri and treasurer Arnold Langer have a few more irons in the fire.

Campbell provided instant return for Gully's outlay with a gutsy 90-minute performance, backing up Claude Lucchesi and Paul Lewis as well as helping out in defence with some vital interceptions and clearances.

Apart from Campbell's contribution, there were also the strange things that happen in the Gully side from time to time.

"Attitude plays an important part in a team's performance and a lot of our players seem to surface when we play teams supposedly of a higher class than us like the Hellas and Heidelbergers," McLachlan said.

"We also seem to need a goal against us to start firing."

That Heidelberg goal came in the 24th minute following a free kick for deliberate handball which earned a booking for Jimmy Williams, playing sweeper in the absence of the injured Stuart Cannell.

Lou Denys could only parry the kick from Charlie Yankos and Steve Winn was on hand to tap the ball home.

But the lead lasted only three minutes with Ken Smart sending Claude Lucchesi through for the striker to cross the ball back into the area from near the right byline. Gully took the lead in the 35th minute from an own goal that will haunt Charlie Yankos for many a long day.

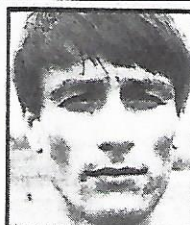
The Soccerco sweep swooped on the ball after Paul Lewis had chested down a centre but under pressure from the striker he attempted clearance turned out to be a shot which cannoned into his own net without any hope of Jeff Oliver stopping it.

The Bergers then blew a chance to level three minutes into the second half from a penalty awarded when Jim Murray impeded Scott Patterson's run into the box.

Patterson himself took the spotkick but the ball rebounded off the post, back off Patterson's toe and referee Bernie Upjohn had no alternative but to give a foul against a Patterson instead of giving Heidelberg the goal after Stewart Stevenson had put the loose ball in the net.

Gully sealed the victory from a penalty awarded at the other end of the park for handball by Joe Angele.

Paul Lewis converted the spotkick and then immediately signalled to be taken off as his hamstring injury is still worrying him.



Ante Ljubic

Ante Ljubic in debut for Croatia



Laurie Schwab

Man of the match: GRAHAM HONEYMAN (WA-Hellas)

Melb Croatia 0 WA-Hellas

Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: About 1500.
Referee: Chris Bambridge (Cr).
Cautions: Antolovic (Cr), Brown (WAH), Biskic (Cr).

An inspiring performance by Graham Honeyman — back after injury — enabled West Adelaide Hellas to hold Croatia scoreless.

Honeyman stopped everything Croatia's forwards could muster, and also contributed to West Adelaide's attacks with his distribution and by surging forward himself.

Croatia obtained an international clearance for new striker Ante Ljubic only an hour and 10 minutes before the match. He looked good but was not really prepared for the game and so was replaced by Robert Markovic at half time.

Markovic had been in court during the week, seeking a free clearance to Heidelberg, but changed his mind and decided to stay with Croatia after all.

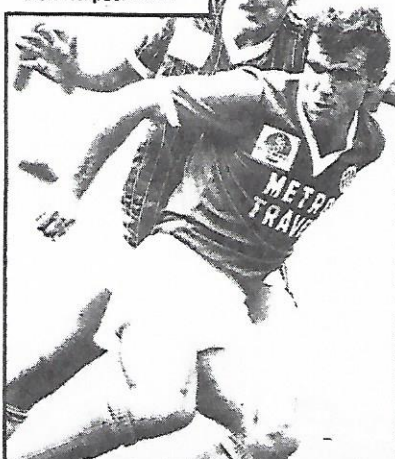
Jim Campbell, who also had wanted to leave Croatia, came on as a substitute for injured Shaun Parton early in the second half. With Campbell and Markovic on the bench and Ljubic in the team, top scorer Greg House was left out altogether.

West Adelaide lined up with Honeyman and Nick Mousoulis in place of Les Matiscsak and injured John Panagis and although Honeyman ran a tight ship at the back, West Adelaide failed to give support to its strikers, George Konstandopoulos and Gary Price, and its passing in midfield was atrocious.

Croatia was by far the more



Dom Kapetanovic



Melbourne Croatia's Josip Biskic (right) steals himself for this challenge from West Adelaide Hellas defender Ian McGregor. Picture: Jim McEwan

creative team, while West Adelaide obviously had come looking for a point.

The match started with a minute's silence for referee Jim Brennan who died last week.

Croatia started with striker Gary Ward running riot. In the fourth minute, Steve Gojevic took the ball from Chris Manou and put Ward into a clear with a through ball. Ward however, shot wide.

Drago Deankovic and Josip Biskic worked the ball down the right, presenting Ward with a header which was too high.

But it was West Adelaide that almost scored in the 10th minute, when Allan Scott launched a shot from inside the penalty area. Goalkeeper Mirko Runje somehow got his foot in the way, deflecting the shot for a corner.

A breakthrough by Biskic in the 18th minute set up Ward again but luck just would not smile on the big striker.

Sweeper Jozo Antolovic was shown the yellow card because of a bad bounce! George Hannah had flicked a header towards Antolovic, the ball bounced in front of him and as it sailed over his head, with no-one else behind him in defence, Antolovic stopped it with his hand.

George Konstandopoulos worked like a Trojan in West Adelaide's attack, and even dropped back to try to win the ball. He broke away in a promising attack in the 24th minute, but was stopped by Tony Curcio.

Ljubic had his first attempt at goal in the 28th minute, but it was more a miskick. He was much closer to scoring in the 39th minute, with a first-time volley after Deankovic had headed down to him.

The best move of the game started with Ward playing a

brilliant pass forward to Deankovic on the right, with Ljubic running unmarked into the middle. Deankovic, however, delayed too long, and that was that!

Ward galloped away in the 36th minute, heading towards the penalty area, fierce as you like. Tim Brown chased him conscientiously but in the end, had to resort to wrestling tactics to stop the striker, and was shown the yellow card.

Steve Atsalas shot over the bar from West Adelaide in a move started by Konstandopoulos just before half time. Konstandopoulos flashed into action with a shot across goal just after resumption, and at the other end, Brown just managed to stop a diagonal pass from Gojevic before it could reach Ward in the six-yard box.

West Adelaide had its second scoring chance of note in the 71st minute, when Ian McGregor launched a vicious drive which Runje however, managed to block.

It was a rotten game to watch, and provided further evidence that the NSL made one of its worst decisions when it scrapped three points for a win.

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Blacktown 4 N. Rosebud 0

Scorers: Wheatley 32nd, O'Connor 62nd, Larkin 75th (pen), McKie 78th.
Venue: Gabbie Stadium.
Referee: Terry Seacy.
Cautions: Bourke (B), sent off; Boogaard 85th min.
Crowd: About 500.

It may sound bizarre but it's true — Newcastle were unlucky to lose, specially so heavily. It was one of those days when everything went against them and, had they received the breaks, they probably could have won, too.

The first half hour was uneventful — and dreadful. Neither team created a chance, had a shot at goal, or even appeared likely to stitch together a good move.

Then, out of the blue, Blacktown were in the lead. McKie's low shot dribbled out of Gosling's arms and there was the versatile Wheatley to ram home the ball.

Four minutes later, Boogaard's header came back from the bar — and Boogaard headed the rebound into the prostrate goalie on the ground.

In the first few minutes of the second half it looked certain that Newcastle would bounce back. First the enterprising Maier's shot zoomed just wide, then little Todd's header missed by inches.

Jones' 25-metre drive missed narrowly, followed by



Andrew Dettre

Senkalski's speculative 30-metre drive which hit the crossbar.

It was all Newcastle, storming the trenches and Blacktown brilliantly exploited this. In the 62nd minute a Selva throughball found virus-ridden sub O'Connor streak off in the middle, skirt the goalie and make it 2-0.

That, effectively, killed off Newcastle's spirits. But worse was to come.

In the 75th minute Brett Thornthwaite took the biggest dive of the season, a forward somersault with a double twist — and received a generous penalty for his effort. Larkin converted.

The rest was a mere formality. Now in full swing, Blacktown — rejuvenated by Phil O'Connor's presence — made it 4-0 in the 78th.

Selva took a corner from the right and newly-signed John McKie (\$4000 from Melita) dived low to head home his calling-card goal.

With Newcastle properly executed, sweeper Boogaard lost his nerves.

With one minute to go, he used a common English ver-

Man of the match: ROBERT WHEATLEY (Blacktown)

nacular for a female organ — direction his anatomical observation at the linesmen. Referee Seacy took exception to it and flashed him a red card.

Whereupon Boogaard stormed into the dressing room yelling loudly enough: "... I never swore at that f---" — former expletive deleted.

The win came at the right time for Blacktown, about to undertake some promotions with ex-England captain, Kevin Keegan.

The mighty star will find Blacktown to be a useful team of players, none more so than Robert Wheatley, whose continued shunning for Soccerco selection is one of those soccer mystries.

Bradley, possibly ill or unfit, was unrecognisable and had to be replaced — a shadow of the former APIA matador.

Newcastle are certainly not a four-goal worse team than Blacktown; had the ball run kindly for them after 0-1, they could have travelled home with both points.

It was a pleasure to see, once again, the silky skills of Joe Senkalski. Here is a grafter of above average ability who — refer to Wheatley's sad case — just can't catch the right eye at the right moment.

CROWD GETS RAW DEAL

Canberra 0 St. George 1

Scorer: J. O'Shea 65th
Venue: Bruce Stadium
Crowd: 1215
Referee: R. Lorenc 7
Cautions: Bryant (C)

A strong, second half St. George revival and a 65th minute goal by midfielder John O'Shea ended Canberra's unbeaten five-match run.

And St. George deserved the victory on the strength of its second half performance.

This was no exciting, enthralling encounter but rather a scrappy, physical and tight game that produced little imagination and brilliance.

I agree with Canberra's coach Roy Thompson who said: "We had only ourselves to blame for the defeat."

We never played. We lacked bite and zip and too often were second to the ball."

Even St. George coach Frank Arok expressed sympathy for the crowd at the type of game that was played.

"But right now, points are



Peter Windsor

crucial for us," he said. "For me it was a strong St. George team performance."

For Canberra the game was lost in midfield, with the 'engine room' failing to make any impression. Youngster John Mihailides is struggling to find form, as is full-back Roy Jones.

It was on the right flank as St. George attacked in the second half where most of the danger was created.

Yet in the first 45 minutes it was Canberra that created the best of the scoring chances.

Twice the goal-line agility and acrobatics of Soccerco keeper, Terry Greedy, saved the day.

After only nine minutes Canberra front-runner Hilton Phillips, almost back to his

Man of the match: ROBBIE SLATER (St George)

best form, laid on a fine centre for Tommy English whose header looked good but Greedy fumbled it sideways to make a goal-line save.

Nine minutes later Greedy again rescued his side — this time from a well-placed close-range effort from Canberra's Ian Gibson. Gibson looked to have found the net but Greedy somehow deflected the ball for a corner.

A tight, hard-fought first half but hardly one to excite.

It was a different St. George that started the second half.

Canberra gave the Saints room — particularly young Robbie Slater — and they carved open the home side's back-line.

In the 56th minute Slater

He repeated the feat minutes later to again deny Slater — this time pulling off a brave save when diving at Slater's feet in another one-to-one situation.

Econonopolous was standing in for the injured Tony Franken who had pulled a hamstring. And Econonopolous put on a fine, courageous performance.

But he couldn't be blamed for the match-winner in the 65th minute.

It came from that venerable right flank.

Peter Stone made the initial break, slipping the ball to Slater who in turn picked out John O'Shea and the midfielder side-footed shot went into the left hand corner.

Minutes later Slater was unlucky not to finally open his account and stretch St. George's lead when his shot hit the crossbar.

Canberra came back to challenge and fight for the ball in the final 15 minutes. At last Tommy English looked dangerous — as did Manis Lamond who had replaced Gibson in the 57th minute.

But they had left their run too late.

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Taylor: Campelli could be a world-beater

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

From pushovers to final five contenders in one season. That's been the amazing turnaround in the fortunes of Sunshine-George Cross and as the side has emerged as a much more competitive unit this year, full back Chris Taylor has captured the spotlight as one of the best ball playing defenders in the league.

The skills once used by Taylor to taunt and tease defenders now are being used to hold the ball under pressure, take on and beat forwards if need be, and add to the attacking bite of the newlook George Cross at every opportunity.

Taylor, 25, belongs to a rare breed of imports to Australian soccer. He never played in the English Leagues so he has no tales to tell of what could have been, no reminiscences about the fickle finger of fate which struck him a telling blow as he was about to make it big back home.

He even was on the verge of giving soccer away as a 15-year-old and trying to make his mark in county cricket with Leicestershire.

"I've not got a lot to talk about when it comes to what I did in England. I'm not like a lot of others out there who played with big sides.

But not all the good players make it big in their native country. Taylor's claim to fame before coming to Australia was playing with Friar Lane Old Boys and then Oadby Town in the Leicestershire League. Another of the men playing a part in the revitalisation of George Cross, midfielder Roger Bain, also played with Oadby Town. Taylor and Bain first met at 15 years old.

It was the father of former Sunshine City player Mick Dixey, who spotted Taylor and Bain while holidaying in England and in June, 1981, the young players arrived to have a crack at the Victorian State League. Jim McIntyre was coaching Sunshine then, but he quit after a 1-5 loss to Melbourne Croatia. Curiously enough, Croatia coach Fred Bunce was sacked after that match, but that's another story.

Since then, Taylor has played under Ray Pocock and Stevie Gawn, Dave O'Connor, Tommy Traynor, Billy Wilkinson and current boss John Gardiner.

"I won't say anything bad about any coach I've played under. They've all got their own ideas.

"But John Gardiner's the best. He's got a lot of ideas about the game and he's also prepared to learn. He's got an awful lot of respect as a coach, in fact I've yet to hear a player say a bad word about him. Anyone can run you, but when it comes to taking you aside and telling you quite specifically what you're doing wrong or doing right, I've never come across anyone like Gardiner. He's one of the only coaches I've seen who can tell you exactly what you're doing out on the park.

"Gardiner has a specific style that he'd like us to adopt and to be honest, I don't think that we've mastered it yet, but that takes time. We're certainly better organised than we've ever been.

Sunshine and George Cross amalgamated late in 1982. According to Taylor, Sunshine was "a family club, but it wasn't really going anywhere," and the amalgamation has been to his advantage.

"Well, I'm better off financially, of course, and I'm playing in the National League, the best club soccer in Australia. And the fans have been great to me. Some of them are pretty highly strung and get excited from

time to time. But I've got no complaints. When we struggled last year we still got about 2,000 to our home games which says a lot about the loyalty of our fans.

The highlight of Taylor's stint with Sunshine was reaching the final of the 1981 Dockerty Cup, only to go down 0-2 to Green Gully. The day before that match, Taylor went to watch the Sunshine reserves in action against Juventus. The reserves were short, so Taylor decided to play. He ended up in goal and Juventus won 4-2, thanks to three own goals which Taylor emphatically denies had anything to do with him.

Since coming to Australia, he's played in every position on the field.

But Taylor isn't the only gifted defender in the Sunshine-George Cross first team squad.

"When I first came here, I thought that John Campelli would be a world-beater. He still can be, especially the way he's going this season. I've never seen him as fast or as fit as he is right now. I think he's finally maturing as a player and I think that he's got a big, big future."

Taylor's praise isn't only reserved for team mates. "Gary McDowell is the best player I've seen here. He's got no weaknesses that I can see. He's quick, he's very, very hard, and he can play as well."

Having sung Gardiner's praises earlier, Taylor turned to another reason for the change in the fortunes of Sunshine-George Cross.

"I think that a lot of us got taken by surprise when we came into the National League. In actual fact, there's not a big gap between the NSL and State League, but sides are a lot more disciplined and far better organised at this level.

"We've got used to the competitive edge in the NSL now. And we can go to places like Brisbane City and Lions and get a result. Sides like Brisbane City and just hang back then hit us on the break and steal the points. We'd go up there and run ourselves silly in the first 30 minutes. We're a lot more controlled now."

There are no championship medals or cup winners' medals sitting on a mantelpiece in Taylor's home, just one trophy — for being judged the best and fairest player at Sunshine-George Cross in 1983.

He still is one of the finest performers at the club, and at last he's attracting the media attention his talents deserve.



Chris Taylor of Sunshine-George Cross tries to head clear as the safe hands of team mate Lou Kastner pluck the ball out of the air. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Flamengo next stop for Manis Lamond?

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Brisbane City and Lions officials who watched last week's "Olympic Airways National Soccer League" show on SBS could be excused for easing back into the comfort of executive-style armchairs, letting out a puff of air from between pursed lips and lighting a welcome cigarette when Canberra striker Manis Lamond missed the penalty which gave Sydney Olympic a berth in the National Cup semi-finals.

Throughout the few minutes of action shown from that match, those same officials, ashen-faced and balancing precariously on the edge of their armchairs, probably were as mesmerised as I was as Lamond treated viewers to an enthralling display of exceptional close ball control, blistering pace, and youthful cockiness in taking on opponents.

There are few sights I enjoy more in soccer than watching a kid turning more experienced opponents inside out.

If you're a club official, there are few sights more gut-wrenching than watching a player you could have had for nothing, on the verge of stardom with another club.

The ultimate irony would be for Lamond to elevate himself to superstar status and be bought by one of the Brisbane clubs for thousands of dollars, for he was right under their noses for four years, after arriving in Australia in 1979 from his native Papua New Guinea.

Lamond now is 18, in a foreign country, hoping to gain citizenship, unemployed, but still full of great expectations. He nearly gets excited when talking of a possible trial at the end of this year with Brazilian giant Flamengo.

"There's nothing definite yet but there's a great chance that Johnny Warren (Canberra's promotions officer) will be arranging a trial for me with Flamengo. I'd love to go to Brazil and play there," said Lamond, speaking on the phone from the private hotel he stays at in Canberra.

And he won't have too many problems assimilating into the samba-style soccer in Brazil, thanks to his immense talent and the attitude of Canberra coach Roy Thompson.

"I just love taking on blokes and beating them. I really love it. And before each game, Roy comes up to me and tells me to have a go at them, run at them and don't be scared to take them on."

Lamond scared to take them on? You've got to be joking.

But let's praise Thompson, in his first senior coaching stint at NSL level, for he's giving Lamond the kind of freedom to try things out on the park.

Lamond returned from his annual holiday with his foot in Port Moresby earlier this year to find that Canberra didn't have a visa vacancy for him. He had to wait on the sidelines, itching to get into action, until Tom Serrami's permanency came through. Finally, he was thrown into the fray in Canberra's home game against Marconi two weeks ago and almost won the match.

Our Canberra correspondent, Peter Windsor, wrote of Lamond in that match: "In the 62nd minute, Canberra brought on Manis Lamond for his first NSL game of 1985 — and immediately Lamond's close ball skills and pace made a noticeable difference."

Lamond made his NSL debut against Sydney City Hakoah last year. Hakoah won 1-0.

"My opponent in that match was Steve O'Connor and at first he was a terrifying sight but after a while I realised that he was only human."

But the toughest opponent I've faced so far is Tony Henderson of Marconi. He's hard and very, very aggressive."

Another tough assignment for Lamond came late last year at the NSL awards night in Sydney.

"I was told that I had to go to the awards night to represent Canberra's youth team and I was really staggered when it was announced that I was the National Youth League's Player of the Year."

Another uncomfortable moment for Brisbane City and Lions officials.

Lamond's claim to fame in Papua New Guinea was playing in his local school team. He came to Australia to further his education and spent his first year here in Brisbane, playing for Pine Rivers under 13's. He then spent three years in Cairns that time he played for Queensland at under 14, 15 and 16 levels and during the under 16 national titles in the national capital he was signed by Canberra officials, who offered him a scholarship which covered his board and school fees.

Lamond's 13 goals in 1983 made him second highest scorer in the National Youth League. He scored 20 goals last year, 15 in league games, and again was second highest scorer.

A 10-goal league tally this year, the season in which he hopes to establish himself in the NSL, isn't beyond him. Maybe that's a conservative estimate and although the youngster won't say so, you get the feeling that his sights are set far higher.

Another sickening thought for Brisbane City and Lions officials.



A nervous and surprised Manis Lamond accepts his trophy as the National Youth League's 1984 Player of the Year. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Dave McIntosh

Penrith's Dave McIntosh is angry, and any forward who has played against him will tell you that can be a pretty fearsome condition.

The object of McIntosh's anger is his current club, Penrith, which he will be leaving in three weeks.

Penrith has placed an \$18,000 transfer fee on the big Scottish defender, which McIntosh himself says is "ridiculous". He is leaving Sydney at the beginning of May because he has taken up a new job in Melbourne.

"I'll be leaving Penrith come what may, so if they're stubborn about the transfer fee they'll just lose out totally," he said.

"I've heard that there has been a couple of approaches from Green Gully and Footscray J.U.S.T. but they've been scared off by the price tag."

"And to be frank, so would I, if I were a club."

"I don't reckon I'm worth \$18,000."

"I'm 31, and I've probably got another three or four seasons left in me, but any club that would pay \$18,000 for a 31-year-old would be really clutching at straws."

McIntosh said he was surprised that Penrith had placed such a high price on his head.

"It's not as if they developed me or discovered me or anything," he said.

"I reckon I've given them good service and I can't see why they can't be reasonable."

"If they don't come to the party — which I reckon they will probably have to do — but if they don't, then I'm going to Melbourne anyway and they'll get nothing."

Actually, it will probably cost them, 'cause they'll have to find a new stopper and pay him and so on, so they'll probably be out of pocket."

McIntosh has been in Australia for eight years, coming here on the advice of Dundee manager and former APIA player George Blues.

"I would never have thought of coming here, but George said it would be a good move," McIntosh said.

"And it was."

After spending three years with Sydney Olympic, he moved to St George for another three-year stint.

"Although I admire Frank Arok as a coach, we didn't really see eye to eye and he let me go to Yugal," McIntosh said.

"We won promotion to the State League, but there was always a real battle at Yugal for players to get paid."

"That's why when Penrith entered the NSL I jumped at the chance to go there."

"Then we had hassles with payments again at Penrith and I thought to myself: 'Here we go again.'"

"But everything has been sorted out now."

McIntosh is renowned as a tough defender, but on occasions has been thrust forward by coaches as a striker.

"It's funny, but I started my career as a defender, and then Dundee signed me as a central striker!" he said.

"But my first chance to get into the first team came when the central defender was injured, so I was back where I really was most comfortable."

"I like going forward but I reckon I'm more value at the back."

He said he'd played virtually every position in the defence, except goalkeeper.

McIntosh: price scares off Gully, J.U.S.T.

By STEPHEN DETTRE

"I've played right back, when Ian Rowden was at Olympic."

"I'll play any position and give it my best shot," he said.

McIntosh doesn't believe that 31 is too old to keep playing in the NSL.

"I think people write off too many players once they reach 30," he said.

"And that's stupid, because the older players have a lot to offer teams and the young players coming through."

"Not that I reckon I'm worth \$18,000," he said with a laugh.

McIntosh said that when his playing days are over, during his career.

The first was the trainer at Dundee, Hugh Robertson.

"It was he who took me out of the second team, groomed me into a central defender and gave me a chance in the first team."

McIntosh said one coach who impressed him greatly in Australia was former St George, Marconi and Melita coach, Raul Blanco.

"Unfortunately Raul has had a pretty rotten run with teams in the NSL, but I think he's one of the most creative coaches I've ever worked under."

"Training was never dull — you never knew what was next."

"At some clubs, you know what training is going to be like on Monday, or Tuesday and so on."

"But Raul always provided variety. And he had a good philosophy about soccer."

"Things will improve for him I'm certain," he said.

McIntosh said he had no hesitation in naming John Kosmina as his most rugged opponent.

"I have to admit that I haven't played against Charlie Egan or Doug Brown, and they both look like superb strikers."

"But I've played against Kosmina and I don't think there is a better attacker in the country."

"It's funny, but I played against him when he was at West Adelaide and I didn't really rate him then."

"Although he didn't make it with Arsenal, I reckon that stint in Britain must have given him that little boost to develop him as a complete player."

McIntosh said that when his playing days are over, he would like to get involved in coaching.

"But not senior coaching," he added.

"I'd love to get into coaching the juniors, because that's the area that Australia sadly lacks."

McIntosh said he had too many bad memories of coaches in the NSL.

"Not bad coaches, but just the way they were treated," he said.

"Too many sackings too quickly for too little reason."

"I've also seen how hard it is for a player to suddenly start coaching."

"He often just can't get the respect that is needed, because only a few weeks or months before, he was playing alongside the players."

"Once I hang up my boots, I want to devote my time to the young players."

"It's just a pity that more former players don't do the same," he said.

McIntosh plays his last game for Penrith on April 28, then, flies out to Melbourne the following Friday.

Blues in a bitter blue



Former Australian international George Blues (pictured), was at the centre of a crowd riot which made recent British soccer disturbances look like Sunday School picnics.

Tension had been building up for some time before the game between bitter Jordanian rivals Hussareh Blues' current coach, and Al Ranthia, the team he had coached for four years prior to 1984, and boiled over immediately after kick off.

In the very first minute, Al Ranthia's centre forward butted his marker and was promptly shown the red card. The aggrieved striker then grabbed the referee by the throat and attempted to throttle him.

Prized apart by players and linesmen, the would-be 'Amman Strangler' was hauled away to a nearby jail (later to be banned sine die), while the referee received the kiss of life. Eventually, the match restarted, but the home team, now reduced to 10 men, fell part and after 20 minutes was a couple of goals down.

This proved too much for Al Ranthia fans who began bombarding the pitch with rocks and bricks, which prompted the players to stage a donnybrook themselves.

Blues, along with referee and Al Ranthia's globe-trotting coach Danny McLennan, sought refuge in the centre circle, fearing for their lives until police cleared the stadium with the aid of tear gas.

After an investigation, the Jordanian federation placed all the blame on Al Ranthia. Four of their players and two administrators were jailed for two weeks. Hussareh received two competition points for the abandoned game.

Despite this incident, Blues is adamant that he is looking forward to the next Jordanian season, which starts in June.

— PAUL MOON

THE MAN FOR ALL FANS — THAT'S BUGSY

By PETER SCOTT

Congratulations are due to Buggy Nyskohus on reaching his 200th NSL game. It's a significant landmark for the Adelaide City Juventus veteran, who has been one of the ornaments of the sport in this country for many years.

Socceroo honors were rare for Buggy (only two jerseys against Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1972) but he has always been a "fans' player", whatever national coaches may have thought of him.

And, best of all, at the age of 35, most of those delicate skills still are on show each week for all to see.

'Mitch' offside

Funny how some players seem to think contracts are only binding on their clubs, not on themselves.

Take David Mitchell, who, according to Adelaide Juve coach Edmund Krefl, seems to be browned off by Sydney Hakoah's insistence that he abide by the terms of the agreement which allowed him to join Glasgow Rangers for something like \$15,000 below Australian market value.

Mitch, according to Krefl, forbade Juventus from negotiating with Hakoah for a settlement, which, Eddie Thomson claims, could have ended up as low as \$3,000.

I wonder if the lanky winger would have refused discussions if ever Hakoah failed to pay him the fees included in his contract?

I'm afraid that David Mitchell's actions and attitude in recent weeks has cost him much of the high regard in which he has been held by Sydney soccer fans. Hope his stay in Hong Kong is a pleasant one.

Good Show

One of the rare bits of good news for soccer is the emergence of Sydney Croatia as one of the NSL's towers of strength and, at the same time, shunning off the lingering image of the game's "bad boys" in years past.

Their crowds are huge and vociferous, but impeccably behaved ever since entering the NSL. In fact, they provide a salutary lesson in Sydney to Olympic, a section of whose

supporters seemed to be degenerating to ever lower depths last season.

Croatia also has recruited a scintillating collection of players to please their growing band of ethnic supporters (Sir Arthur please note), not to mention all lovers of soccer as it should be played.

Melbourne woes

Just another short reminder that something must be done to end pitch invasions at Melbourne games.

The chaos which ended the Green Gully V. George Cross match, shown around Australia on television in glorious colour, only reinforces my opinion that occasional fines and slaps on the wrist do nothing to cure the problem. You see, fans don't have to pay!

Forfeiture of home ground advantage and playing home matches behind closed gates may be the only solution, however unpalatable.

The alternative, faced with clubs' inability or unwillingness to do something meaningful, is eventual serious injury to someone, with unforeseeable legal consequences for all involved by action or neglect.

Games off

• All professional soccer matches in Argentina planned for last week-end were banned to give a special committee time to study ways of eliminating bloody clashes between rival fans.

By the time matches resume next weekend new legislation increasing jail terms and other sanctions against people involved in soccer violence, may have become law.



LES MURRAY

Can full-time soccer professionalism in Australia ever be a reality?

Such a question is so tantalising, almost silly, one is too shy to contemplate it, given the poorly way our set-up compares to the rest of the world.

But are we that poorly? Do our players, in comparison to the rest of the world, earn so little they could not play full time?

Well, if you compare them to what, say Falcão or Maradona get, or even a good Italian, Spanish, German or English second division player earns, certainly.

But there are many, many more full time soccer pros in the world, all of whom are required to make an exclusive work commitment to their clubs and who, like our players, face an insecure future regarding their post-playing days.

We are probably not quite ready for full time professionalism just yet — but some of our clubs, the crazier ones, some would say, pay enough money to some players already to seem on the verge of it.

Conservative

Those clubs are the better supported ones, the clubs that can expect to draw five or six thousand to their home games on a semi-regular basis, and the occasional seven or eight thousand to their big derbies.

Sydney City Hakoah is obviously not one of those. It would be representative of the more conservative players, the saner clubs, which if professionalism were to come, would certainly not be leading the way.

A look at Sydney City's payment structure would not only reveal partly why they win so often, but also, if they indeed are the norm, why Australian soccer does not yet seem ready to support full time players.

The Slickers pay just \$100 per man per match, guaranteed minimum.

Their winning bonuses, which are uniform for every first team member, then begin at

\$80 for the first win, \$90 for the second and \$100 for the third win on the trot. The winning bonus then stays on \$100 until the next loss of a point upon which it drops back to \$80.

On top come more bonuses based on the team's league position: \$80 for being placed first, \$40 for being second and \$20 for being third.

So far, if Sydney City keeps winning bonus then stays on cemented at the top, its players are earning \$260 per match.

Then come the signing-on fees which are the big mystery of player earnings.

\$6000

At Sydney City they range from \$3,000 to \$11,000. If you take an average first team member on, say, a \$6,000 signing-on fee per year, he is getting about \$150 per week of the ten-month period on which his signing-on fee is paid out.

Now his total is \$410 per match.

For winning the championship — and by championship, I mean the championship not the "grand final" — Sydney City last year paid \$1,000 per man.

If City were to give the same reward this year, our average player would earn, if spread out over 22 games, another \$45 per match.

That would bring his match total to \$455 — but let's remember that it's a match total not a weekly wage.

If the player were full time his match total would need to be spread over 32 weeks. And that figure would come to a miserly \$192.50 per week.

And for that Sydney City would have to win the championship and do it by staying on top of the league from week one to week 22.

Although this is a shorter than usual Australian season and players will earn a smaller total than normal, that is a

Players' pay: from \$400 a game to \$700 a win

long way from financial security.

To bring that figure up to, say, \$400 per week — which is just above the national average wage — Sydney City, in a successful season, would need to find another \$484,000 per year.

And that's not a full squad of, say, 16 with which any club would need to start the season.

But while Sydney City pays conservatively, with a high emphasis on winning incentives (they've been known to throw in an end-of-season overseas tour for championship-winning teams), what of the other clubs where the story appears to be different.

A reliable source tells me one Sydney player, a Socceroo, is on around \$700 for a win — and that is quite separate from his signing-on fee which must be hefty indeed.

If his match fee is, say, \$400 and his signing-on figure is \$20,000 he will be earning \$28,800 per year — and that's if his team lost every game and took part in only 22 games.

If his team won half of its games, which it would need to do to finish in the top five,

his earnings would be \$32,100.

Now that is good money for a full time family man, close to a good young executive wage.

And for that a young executive more than likely works his butt off — and so should a soccer player who, as a part timer attends three, maybe four training sessions and plays 90 minutes per week — 29 to 25 weeks in a year.

Now, our well-stacked soccer star on \$28,800-plus per year is admittedly a rarity and there are not enough of him to make entire full-time teams.

A dream

But there are others. One other player, I have on good authority, gets \$500 a win and is on a \$16,000 per year signing-on fee.

My point is that such players, and all other players who on a yearly basis earn a total that resembles an acceptable working man's wage ought to play soccer full time and should be made to do so.

Professionalism is perhaps still a dream but it seems, in terms of total earnings, for

some of our players it's already a reality. Where circumstances allow it, that is where the coaches are already full time, the training facilities are acceptable and the funds are sufficient to pay a handful of players, say the five or six who provide the backbone of a team in terms of playing strength, enough to live on, why not make a slow start toward full time professionalism.

And, with all of our unemployed youth who cannot get work even as miserably paid apprentices, why not introduce apprentice schemes for teenagers. For them even a pittance that might be just above the dole would represent a day's pay for a day's work — in other words a job.

I am not certain what the technical observations are regarding by what degree a player improves if he goes from part time to full time. But if he improves by 20, 30, maybe 50 per cent, that is in our case a heaven-sent gift which would surely put leaps of improvement into our game.

I know that if the highly paid player I referred to earlier improved by 25 per cent he'd walk into most first division teams in Europe.

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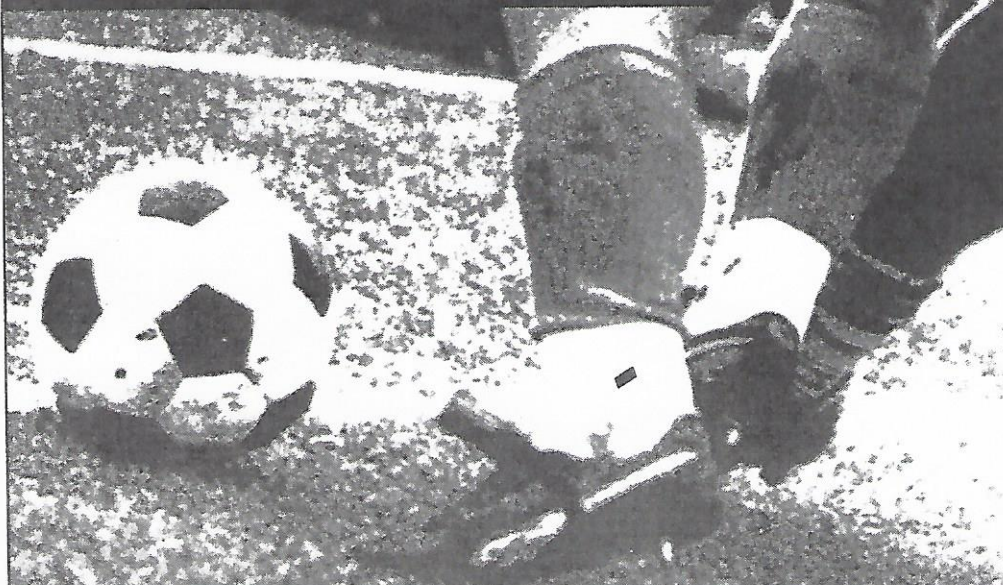
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Victorian coaching director

"Bridging the gap", was the title of an article I read recently which referred to the outcome of scientific research in sport and the degree to which the information has been applied in a practical sense by coaches on the field.

The title of the article made me think deeply about the gap that exists between the various groups of people involved in our game. The gap can be bridged only by people who are committed to enhancing the sporting environment, people who are innovative, willing to listen, absorb, question, and make sacrifices; people who are committed to achieving their optimum and wish to give players every opportunity to do likewise.

One wonders how the gap has been created. It appears that the answer relates to lack of unity and co-operation among coaches, sport scientists and administrators.

Diehard attitudes towards and perceptions of qualities, roles and levels of expertise of each of these professional groups have widened the gap.

Just to indicate that a gap exists consider the following example.

At a recent national junior council meeting, serious discussions were held regarding changing the playing rules at national junior championships.

The same championships play an important part in the development of our young players especially now, with Australia's involvement in World Cups at three levels (senior, youth and under 16).

A suggestion was made that the coaches should be consulted on the possible consequences of the said changes, to which an executive replied: "What has it to do with the coaches? We make the rules."

Certainly a gap exists when this attitude prevails in the development of the game. Consider these misconceptions in the following areas.

THE COACHING FRATERNITY:

- Anyone can become a coach
- Having a son on the team is an important criterion for being appointed coach
- "I played therefore I can coach"
- Coaches choose role models for themselves and youngsters from professional sport
- Adopt attitudes and training techniques that were in vogue 30 years ago. "Coach" as they were "coached".

ADMINISTRATORS

- Don't appreciate the demands of the playing environment
- Employ former champion players as coaches irrespective of coaching qualifications and ability and refusal to broaden their knowledge and improve their coaching technique
- Believe that what was sufficient 30 years ago in terms of facilities, support personnel and scientific input is still adequate to meet today's challenges
- Look backwards in time in order to find solutions
- Promote their own existence and the notion that the game owes them something
- Sack coaches

Although the above may apply only to a low percentage of personnel in each category, unfortunately those misconceptions are applied to the group as a whole, retarding meaningful interactions and co-operation among the two groups.

So what of the future?
If Australia ever is to be a world soccer power; if we are to pursue the ideal that every player should be given a chance to achieve his optimal skill level, and allow each player, whatever his skill level, to get the most enjoyment and satisfaction possible from his soccer involvement, then a team approach must be utilized. Such a process has been used by the more advanced soccer nations for some time.

Within a concept like this the coach becomes the leader with ultimate responsibility for team preparation, while co-ordinating input from support personnel, including sports medicine, physiotherapists, sport psychologists, exercise physiologists and administrative personnel.

The coach needs to have a true appreciation of the nature and degree of input available to him from this "support crew" to get the best results.

Accountability is of the utmost importance if this team approach is to work.

There is no doubt that the coach and the players must be held accountable for the manner in which their duties have been performed within the playing environment.

Similarly, administrative and managerial personnel should be held responsible for their decisions to appoint particular personnel, and the manner in which the personnel performed their duties.

RAY LANGDALE QUILTS AS SPLIT THREATENS ALBION

Serious cracks have emerged in the amalgamation at Albion Rovers with the resignation of Ray Langdale as coach, after he was threatened by a fan at Egan Lee Reserve last Sunday.

Albion amalgamated earlier this year with Turkish club Western Turku Gucu of Sunshine but a series of amazing incidents over the past few weeks threaten to divide the club.

Many Albion players are despondent and Langdale's resignation might tempt them to leave.

Rumors about brawls almost erupting between old and new club members are buzzing. One of them involves a new member who threatened to hit the assistant coach with a pool cue, another involves one of the new players who, unhappy with not getting a senior game, threatened Langdale after training.

But club officials are keeping tight-lipped about the affair.

"I wasn't at the game against Knox, so it's not proper for me to comment on what might have happened there," said president Dave Berry.

"It's an internal problem and I want to know everything that took place. I'll be thrashing this out with the committee through the week."

Secretary Vince French dismissed the rumors. I then told him that I believed them to be true. He replied:

"They're just normal things. The boys have a few arguments but it happens at every club."

"Look, Ray Langdale is a nice guy and that's why no-one on the committee was prepared to ask him to give up the job. Ray's the type of guy who says exactly what he thinks and some people take him wrong and get upset. Remember too, that there's a big difference between being assistant coach and being senior coach," French added.

Langdale was assistant coach at Albion last year.

Langdale wouldn't be drawn into the rumored political unrest sweeping Albion.

"Just say that I felt that I couldn't get anything out of the players anymore. I'm not going to tip the bucket on Albion because I love the club," he said.

When pressed about the identity of Langdale's replacement, French said that the

committee had someone in mind, but wouldn't release his name.

The name of Springvale's coach is Ian Greener and he'll be quite happy, I'm sure, to hear of the unrest at Albion for Springvale, without a league win this season, travels to Selwyn Park on Saturday. Albion can match Springvale on paper, but if the Albion players are as dispirited as reports suggest, then the visitors could finally break their duck.

But Springvale is unlikely to have the services of experienced goalkeeper Gary Clayton. He's been carrying a groin injury for the past few weeks and discussed the problem with Greener at training last night (Tuesday). Clayton wants to take a couple of weeks off and is quite prepared to try and win back his first team berth once the injury has healed.

Frankston Pines square up to Thomastown at Monterey Reserve on Saturday in what should be a cracker-jack battle.

Former Doveton star, Graham Watson, has been signed by Pines and will arrive from Scotland within three weeks, but classy defender John Cullen is in doubt for the Thomastown match. Cullen, the target of Footscray JUST despite signing a new contract with Pines recently, injured a calf against Northcote last week and had to be replaced in the 34th minute.

And striker Ally Dick was forced to limp throughout the second half as Pines already had made two substitutions,

but coach Danny McMinimie is hopeful that Dick will be able to play on Saturday.

The tribunal will decide this week whether or not Pines defender Peter Thurlow is available to face Thomastown.

Box Hill takes on Morwell Falcons at Wembley Park on Sunday and this should be a tremendous battle. Leading State League scorer, Andy Humble of Box Hill, is deceptively quick and his tussle with Emil Bruns could be a match highlight.

Polonia with striker Greg Warszawski in scintillating touch, squares up to Western Suburbs at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday and this is a real danger game for the home side.

No doubt Polonia coach Eddie Reid won't be getting carried away by last weekend's 7-0 drubbing of Dinamo and Suburbs have a few class players certain to worry Polonia hor.

Wee Bobby Guinness nabbed the winner against Fawkner last week and once his partnership up front with Jed Stenson develops, Suburbs will have the combination to wear the life out of any defence in State League.

Poor Dinamo. Fresh from a thrashing, it has to go to Croydon Park to meet Graham French, possibly Dave Brogan, Alex Livingstone, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Tansey and Co. on Sunday.

Fawkner should beat Knox City at Smith Reserve, 3 pm. Polonia v Western Suburbs (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

CROYDON v St Albans Dinamo at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

Northcote v Wilhelmina (draw) at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.



Graham Watson

while the clash between Northcote and Ringwood Wilhelmina at John Cain Reserve, could end in a draw.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY

Albion Rovers v Springvale at Selwyn Park, 3 pm.

Frankston Pines v Thomastown (draw) at Monterey Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY

Box Hill v Morwell Falcons (draw) at Wembley Park, 3 pm.

FAWKNER v Knox City at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.

Polonia v Western Suburbs (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

CROYDON v St Albans Dinamo at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

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Vince French



Keilor Austria, a 4-0 winner over Sandringham last Saturday. Back row: Damien Smoljko, Tim Pocock, Gino Ratini, Dave Garthwaite, Tom Costello, Nick Nikolic, Mark Abela, Robbie Sutherland, Billy McIntyre (coach). Front row: John Markovic, Con Kissas, Martin Sannut, Ray Beller, David Abela, Hugh Stewart. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

BRIMMER GRABS A POINT FOR ROVERS

NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Groenwald 23rd, C. Middlemast 27th) DONCASTER ROVERS 2 (Lennon 5th, Brimmer 60th). Victorian Division One match at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Brown (Lockner 64th), L. Deane, Long, Moyle, Groenwald, Nellies, Mullett, C. Middlemast, Pote, West (Hankel 81st). Coach: P. Nellies.

DONCASTER ROVERS:

Sullivan, Sowards, Pucovski, K. Middlemast, Humble, Tolmie (Spicer 61st), Brimmer (Maitland 80th), Forsyth, Casson, Valentine. Coach: B. Milne.

A draw was a fair result in a game in which both sides created enough chances to win, with Nunawading having the better of the first half and

Doncaster making the better openings after the break.

Doncaster took the lead in the 5th minute when Lennon was on hand for a simple tap in after Madjer had parried a close range shot.

The equaliser came in the 23rd minute when Pote's challenge allowed the ball to carry to Groenwald who took the ball on his chest, then volleyed firmly into the net.

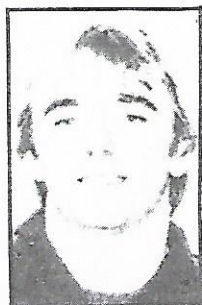
Four minutes later, a delightful move gave Nunawading the lead. A pass from long was dummed by Chris Middle-

mast, allowing it to run to West on the left flank. His cross was met by Middlemast whose fierce drive gave Sullivan no chance.

Sullivan kept Doncaster in the game with two fine reflex saves, the first from Nellies after Hote had cleverly allowed the ball to run free, and the second from Mullett who had beaten five defenders in a scintillating run.

After the interval, Doncaster was the more purposeful team and Brimmer equalised on the hour with a neat chip over the advancing Madjer.

Forsyth and Casson also went close for the Rovers after which the pace slackened, not surprising in the heat.



Chris Middlemast

Medibank Trophy

St George Budapest is set to sponsor a NSW section of the Medibank Private All Nations Trophy and plans are afoot to have a \$10,000, winner-take-all play-off in Melbourne on December 15 between the NSW and Victorian champions.

Organiser Tony Kennedy later this week will meet with St George coach Frank Arok to arrange a NSW equivalent of the highly successful competition involving 16 "national" teams and Kennedy plans to enlarge the competition to involve every state in Australia. He's already been in touch with a number of state federations.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROYDON	3	1	0	8	2	7
MORWELL	3	1	0	9	4	7
POLONIA	2	2	0	12	4	6
BOX HILL	3	0	1	11	5	6
W. Suburbs	3	0	1	7	4	6
Fawkner	2	0	2	9	4	4
F'ston Pines	1	2	1	7	7	4
Thomastown	1	2	1	6	7	4
Knox City	2	0	2	5	9	4
St. A. Dinamo	2	0	2	6	12	4
Albion R.	1	0	3	3	6	2
Northcote	0	2	2	3	7	2
Springvale	0	0	4	4	10	0
Wilhelmina	0	0	4	2	11	0

FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Thomas 11th, 20th, Cumming 41st) NORTHCOTE 1 (Patskos 1st at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 — Cumming 7, Cullen (inj. Armstrong 34th, 7), Ferris 7 — Cooke 8, Ross 8, Rust (inj. McGinnigle 10th, 5), Dick 6, Webster 7, Thomas 8, Coach: Danny McMinnes.
NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 6 — Patriotis 6, Cutler 6, Kourmenos 6, Stiladis 5 — Bekiaris 8, Toro 6 (Moshidis 80th), Wilson 6 — P. Constantinou 5, Patskos 5, Filiopis 5.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Cooke (Pines), 2. Ross (Pines), 1. Pines (Pines).

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Van Dinteren 75th) BOX HILL 3 (McMillan 26th, Ramos 28th, A. Humble 32nd) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Clayton 5 — Mathews 6, Luyten 6, Adams 7, Fitzpatrick 6 — Luca 7, K. Humble 6, Campbell 6 — Greener 6 (Van Dinteren H.T. 6), D'Amico 7, Nelson 8, Coach: Ian Greener.
BOX HILL: Harrison 9 — Brooks 7, McMillan 8, Basic 7, Roodhouse (inj. McPhee 25th, 7) — Azzopardi 7, Cutler 7 (Taylor 75th), Hughes 7, White 7 — Verechia 9, A. Humble 8, Coach: Keith Webster.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Harrison (BH), 2. Verechia (BH), 1. Nelson (Spring).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 POLONIA 7 (Warszawski 20th, 50th, 68th, P. Czarnik 43rd, G. Czarnik 77th, 88th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 5 — Bozic 4, Radman 4, Ramljak 4, S. Grigic 4 — Brkijacic (Lerotic 34th, 5), Culina 4, Rastocic 4 — Pozar 4, Bruno 4, Morovic 5, Coach: Joe Spoljar.
POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 — Liparski 7, Smolarek 7, Innes 6, Venja 7 — G. Czarnik 9, P. Czarnik 6, Avian 7, Kolaric 7 (Deluca 75th) — Auld 7, Warszawski 10, Coach: Eddie Reid.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Warszawski (PL), 2. G. Czarnik (PL), 1. Avian (PL).

KNOX CITY 1 (Smith 10th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 — Stoffels 6 (Loy Saisi 80th), Bissinger 7, Murray 7, Byrne 7 — Pilbeam 6 (G. Bakker 75th), Smith 7, Wild 8 — Tunstall 6, Pate 7, Hawthorne 7, Coach: Duncan Smith.
ALBION ROVERS: Cipri 7 — Galea 6, Gatt 8, Piccione 7, Douglas 7 — Purcell 8, Reilly 8, Bennett 6 (Roberts 80th) — T. Latif 6, Gilmore 7, Patsman 5 (Robertson).
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Wild (Knox), 2. Purcell (Albion), 1. Reilly (Albion).

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (McGuinness 50th) FAWKNER 0 at Ralph Reserve, Saturday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 7 — Hamill 7, Dimovski 8, Esposito 7, Lekkas 7 — Kakantonis 6, K. Coyle 7, Beattie 6 — Bouzas 6 (Meletis 65th), Stenson 7, McGuinness 7 (inj. Howe 85th), Coach: Jimmy Condilis.
FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — Petrucci 4, Fattore 7, Macleod 6, Mancinelli 8 — Angelle (inj. Arico 15th, 4), Boyle 6, Hobson 6 (sent off 75th) — Palinkas 5, Loughane 7, Sabbatino 4, Coach: Gus Macleod.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Dimovski (WS), 2. Mancinelli (FW), 1. Tachiris (WS).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 CROYDON 1 (French penalty 31st) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — Coke 7, Murray 7, Meyer 6, Hume 7, Wernys 7 — van Eyndroff 7 (M. Bakker 75th), Storm 6, Burton 6 — Nyholt 6, Stewart 7, Coach: Cor Teuwen.
CROYDON: Whiteside 7 — Brown 7, Singleton 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansley 7 — McDonald 7, Taylor 6, Beech 6, Livingstone 7 — French 7, Ollerton 6, Coach: Peter Ollerton.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Livingstone (Croy), 2. Tansley (Croy), 1. Haupt (RW).

THOMASTOWN 1 (Flaherty 23rd) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Athersych 55th, penalty) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 6 — Cosentino 8, Arcoraci 7, Carfora 7, Di Berardino 6 — Franceschi 7 (Constantinou 85th), Lakkis 6, Di Martino 7 — Fingale 5 (Dallis 62nd), Coyle 5, Flaherty 6, Coach: Joe Wilson.
MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 5 — Palermo 6, Train 6, Tudil 5, Bruns 7 — O'Callaghan 6, Cassar 6, MacLean 7, T. Van Baar 5 — Athersych 6, Stilton 5, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
Best three players for Schipano Player of the year award: 3. Cosentino (TT), 2. MacLean (M.F.), 1. Carfora (TT).

SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1985 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice. Leading votegetters:

- 9 — Livingstone (Croy)
- 8 — MacLean (Morwell)
- 6 — A. Humble, Harrison (Box Hill), Warszawski
- (Polonia), Culina (Dinamo), Cosentino (Thomastown)
- 5 — Dimovski (Suburbs)

VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International. Leading scorers:

- 7 — A. Humble (Box Hill)
- 5 — Athersych (Morwell)
- 4 — French (Croy), Warszawski (Polonia), Morovic
- (Dinamo)
- 3 — Cozzella (Fawk), McGuinness (Suburbs), Thomas (Pines)

Boyle misses penalty, Hobson sent off

W. Suburbs 1 Fawkner 0

Scorer: McGuinness 50th.
Venue: Ralph Reserve.
Gary Hobson was sent off in the 75th minute after tangling with George Lekkas of Suburbs and to make matters worse for Fawkner, experienced midfielder Peter Boyle had his 70th minute penalty attempt saved by Rocky Tachiris.

It just wasn't Fawkner's day. After only 15 minutes, Fabio Angele landed awkwardly when attempting an over-head kick and had to be replaced. Angele was taken to hospital with a suspected broken arm.

issue came from Bobby McGuinness, vindicating the judgement of Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis that McGuinness would be the answer to the striking problems experienced by Suburbs earlier this year.

McGuinness broke clear in the 50th minute and slotted the ball past advancing Fawkner goalie Rob Terzini.

Fawkner defender Frank Macleod headed against the post in the 10th minute following a corner and Joe Palinkas twice thwarted by Tachiris in the first half.

Tachiris smothered a Palinkas effort early in the half then a fine long drive from Palinkas was palmed clear by Tachiris. Suburbs' best chance in the first half came in the 35th minute when Kieron Coyle got onto a McGuinness cross to the near but struck the ball over

from six metres with a first time effort.

Ian Loughane, making his debut for Fawkner, broke through in the second half but knocked the ball too far forward. Loughane still got there first and got a toe to the ball but Tachiris did well to touch it wide.

Then came Boyle's penalty attempt. He didn't strike the ball firmly enough, allowing Tachiris to save, and that was the end of the ball game for Fawkner.

But each Gus Macleod remains optimistic about Fawkner's fortunes for the remainder of the season.

"We're not going to panic. It's basically lack of discipline that's letting us down right now and believe you me, that's going to be sorted out," said Macleod after the match.



● Bobby McGuinness of Western Suburbs — scored the winner against Fawkner last weekend.

Evriniadis blows it!

KEW PARK RANGERS 0 SUNBURY UNITED 1 (P. Beranic 22nd) Victorian First Division match at Stradbroke Park, Saturday.

KEW: Evriniadis 4 — Houston 7, Pappa 4, Krasen 8, Wilkinson 7 — Vasilou 6 (Parsons 50th), Phillips 5, Campbell 6 (inj. Conway H.T. 7), Keenan 8 — McCarthy 5, Spencer 9, Coach: Alby McCormack.
SUNBURY: Paton 7 — Skinner 8, Blackley 7, Campbell 9 — Twine 9, Greench 9, D. Beranic 2, P. Beranic 7, Traikovski 7 — Catterton 5, McMillan 6, Coach: Mike Lynn.

This match started off at 100 miles an hour in stifling heat. Sunbury adapted to the conditions better and ran out a well deserved winner.

But Kew almost opened the scoring in the 8th minute. Spencer headed down Paul Campbell's cross and Gary Keenan, on the turn, drew the ball against the Sunbury bar.

The goal that settled this issue came in the 22nd minute. Paul Beranic struck a long free kick. Inexplicably, Kew goalie Evriniadis stayed on his hip and the ball was allowed to bounce in the six-yard box and continue into the far corner of the Kew goal!

Kew never recovered from this setback and with Sunbury looking the fitter side in the energy-sapping conditions, the home team was unable to make any inroads upon its opponent.

— MICK MITTEN

Gary Darch unbeatable

WAVERLEY CITY 0 SM-MORDIALLOC 0 Victorian Second Division match at Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Saturday.

South Melbourne Mordialloc surrendered its 100 per cent league record as Waverley City drew against Waverley City but retained top position in the Second Division.

The visitors were pinned down for much of the first half as Waverley controlled most of the play. It wasn't until the last 20 minutes that Mordialloc demonstrated the qualities that have lifted the team to prominence. Forward Jim Pappas led the way with some enterprising runs, but Waverley goalkeeper Gary Darch was in sparkling form and made several remarkable saves to earn his team a point.

Con Moulos to Eltham

RINGWOOD UNITED 2 (Hegymas 2) ELTHAM 1 (Moulos) at Quamby Reserve, Saturday.

RINGWOOD UNITED: Mills 8, Djoric 8, Bjelopetrovic 7, Nelson 7, Gilmore 7, Sedharovic 7, Hegymas 8, Ross 7, Jovtovic 6, Demir 7, Erdag 6.

ELTHAM: Corry 6, Stafreca 5, M. Cirka 6 (Curcic H.T. 8), Shaw 6, Hadzic 5, P. Cirka 8, Cochran 8, Hoad 6 (Anagnostou 78th), Moulos 6, Schipano 7, Norton 5.

Eltham fielded Con Moulos, signed from Loral United last week, and he had a dream debut, putting the Redbacks ahead after 22 minutes but Ringwood fought back and two goals from Hegymas before the break earned it the points.

FRENCH WINS IT

By JOHN WALLACE



Wilhelmina 0 Croydon 1

Scorer: French penalty 31st.
Venue: Jubilee Park.

A mysterious penalty awarded in the 31st minute gave Croydon City both points and sent Ringwood Wilhelmina further adrift from the pack at the wrong end of the league.

In a match as dismal as the warm sticky weather, quality football went out the window.

Both sides lacked that spark of ingenuity around the goalmouth, and it hardly was surprising that the only goal came from the penalty spot.

The controversial decision came after Croydon pumped yet another hopeful ball into the Wilhelmina penalty area. French mistimed a pass and went down. Paul Corke, close to City's striker at that time, threw up his arms in anguish as the referee pointed to the spot, and French made no mistake, drilling the ball powerfully to the left of Stuart Lee.

● Former Juventus ace Graham French — hitting the goal trail with Croydon.

COSENTINO KILLS 'EM

By MARCELO D'AMICO

Thomastown 1 Morwell 1

Scorers: Flaherty 23rd (TT), Athersych penalty 55th (MF).
Venue: Partridge Reserve.

The young Thomastown side came very close to scoring an upset win against State League champion, Morwell Falcons.

With six regular players missing, coach Joe Wilson is bleeding a few promising youngsters. Defenders Frank Arcoraci and Kevin Carfora played fine games but their tasks were made easier by the brilliant play of captain Tony Cosentino who, once again, was the best player on the ground.

Thomastown hit the lead in the 23rd minute when Brian Flaherty capitalised on a mistake by new Falcons' keeper Peter Blasby and slotted the ball into the net.

The champions made it 1-1 in the 55th minute when referee Jim Fearn awarded a penalty for handball against Cosentino. From the spot, Athersych gave keeper Mauro Raponi no chance.

The young Thomastown side kept attacking and the solid Morwell defence was having its problems. In the 81st minute, Blasby saved shots by Fragale and Lakkis.

With seven minutes left Thomastown scored again, but the goal was disallowed for off-side. Blasby was off his line and Nino Di Martino, with a great shot, put the ball in. Referee Jim Fearn consulted his linesman and gave off-side against Brendan Lakkis, who

On paper, this game was a David and Goliath contest, but on the ground the local side played a great game against a more mature and experienced team. For the first time this year, Morwell was unable to capitalise on its midfield dominance and its forwards were kept under control by the young Thomastown defenders.

When coach Wilson can count on all his players being available, the Partridge Reserve team will be a formidable outfit.

In the middle of the park Moreno Franceschi, 18, is improving with every game and was the mastermind behind Thomastown's goal.

The young Thomastown reserve side, still unbeaten, won 1-0 and fielded some promising youngsters who could force their way into the senior team.



SELECTIONS

- VICTORIAN DIVISION ONE**
Sunderley Melbourne v. Nth Dandenong.
DOYTON v. Albion Gate, DONCASTER v. Ringwood (at Donora Rd., SUNBURY v. Morwell, Kew Park Rangers v. MORWELL).
Sunderley BROADMEADOWS v. Caulfield City, Werribee v. Haverhill City (draw).
- DIVISION TWO**
Sunderley HAMILTON RANGERS v. Nth Dandenong, Royal Richmond v. Ball Park (draw), Eltham v. Albion City (draw), Sandringham v. Ringwood (at Eltham), SM-MORDIALLOC v. Kallal, STN DANIELLE v. Waverley City, DAN-DENING CITY v. Coburg.
- DIVISION THREE**
Sunderley ELTHAM v. Springvale Utd, Bulleen v. Yarraville (draw), Port Melbourne v. PRATHERN CITY, KARINGALL v. Highbury Gardens, GEORGINA v. Waverley City, COIRO v. Moorabool, YALLOURN v. Prahran.
- DIVISION FOUR**
Sunderley BALUNAT v. Habbat Park, CLIFTON HILL v. Berwick, Hume v. EAST BRUNSWICK, BORRIER v. Arden, FERRITREE GULLY v. Langwarrup, LAUR UTD v. Green-sborough, Kaysborough v. BRUNTON.
- PROVINCIAL DIVISION ONE**
Sunderley WARTON v. A. ASSOCIATIONS, CHELSEA v. Clonville (played at Edithvale Athletic Track), East Geelong v. PASCOE VALE, MALVERN CITY v. Rosedale, CENTRAL CITY v. Hawthorn, CLAYTON v. WILMINGTON, WEST BRUNSWICK v. Ryeport.
- DIVISION TWO**
Sunderley RTH SUNSHINE v. Sunshine City, SEAFORD UTD v. Utd of Melbourne, BRISTON
- V. NORMANDY Utd. BERNWICK CITY v. March Utd, ALTONA Utd v. Geelong Utd, St. Dancery v. DINGLEY UTD.**
- DIVISION THREE**
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A black and white photograph capturing a dynamic moment during a football match. In the center-left, a player in a dark jersey with light-colored vertical stripes (Juventus) is in mid-air, having just kicked the ball. To his right, a player in a light-colored jersey (Bordeaux) is also in motion. In the background, a referee in a striped shirt and other players are visible on the pitch. The stands are filled with spectators, creating a sense of a high-stakes, large-scale event. The image is framed by a thick black border.



● Bernard Lacombe (left) of Bordeaux puts his welfare at risk as he takes on Juventus tough guy Antonio Cabrini in their European Cup semi-final.



● Roland Wohlfarth of Bayern Munich helped West Germany win the 1981 World Youth Championship in Australia but here he's beaten by Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe.

Will Ian Rush join Platini at Juve?

Ian Rush and Michel Platini inspired their respective clubs towards a glorious if ironic showdown last week in next month's 30th European Cup final in Brussels.

Welsh international striker Rush, who began his season under the surgeon's knife when he had a cartilage removed, scored twice for Liverpool as it swept Greece's Panathinaikos aside with a 4-0 triumph in the semi-final first leg at Anfield.

Midfielder Platini, the European footballer of the year and captain of European champion France, made two goals and scored on as Italy's Juventus beat his compatriots from Bordeaux 3-0 in the other semi-final first leg in Turin.

Further next season if the wealthy and ambitious Italian champion has its way, and manages to lure Rush to Italy as the deadly finisher to complement Platini's unrivalled creative skills.

One of the worst-kept secrets in European soccer this season is that Juventus is seeking to add Rush to its galaxy of international stars at the earliest possible opportunity — and Rush's goals only can have added a few more zeros to the fee required to prise him out of Liverpool.

Indeed, with a little more luck last week, Rush would have

further extended the luxurious lead Liverpool will take over Athens next week. The game will be shown live on SBS TV.

Last season Rush hit a total of 50 goals to win the "Golden Boot" as Europe's leading scorer, but this season his efforts have been curtailed by the injury that prevented him from finding his best form until October.

However, in tandem with veteran Scottish striker Kenny Dalglish, Rush forms a lethal spearhead for Liverpool and their expected confrontation with the Platini-Zbigniew Boniek partnership for Juventus is sure to be one of the highlights of the anticipated final.

Platini supplied a goal apiece for Boniek and Massimo Briacchi last week before scoring himself while Dalglish, for whom a fourth final beckons, contented himself with creating only one goal — a header by European debutant Jim Beglin. The prolific John Wark earlier had shot Liverpool ahead.

Everton should make it a month to remember in Liverpool by contesting the cupwinners' cup final in Rotterdam on May 15.

The English league leader had no option but to temper its usual attacking instincts in its first-leg semi-final against Bayern Munich in West Germany last week.

The UEFA Cup meeting between Internazionale and Real Madrid, two legendary names of European football's magical past, attracted an 80,000 crowd to the San Siro stadium in Milan last week.

Goals by Irishman Liam Brady, from the penalty spot, and Italian World Cup striker Alessandro Altobelli gave Inter, European champions in 1964 and 1985, what should be a decisive 2-0 advantage.

Here are all of last week's semi-final, first leg results:

Champions Cup

In Liverpool Liverpool (England) 4, Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 (1-0). Scorers: John Wark (35th), Ian Rush (48th, 49th), Jim Beglin (84th). Attendance: 67,000.

In Turin Juventus (Italy) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Zbigniew Boniek (29th min), Massimo Briacchi (67th), Michael Platini (71st). Attendance: 80,000.

UEFA Cup

In Szekesfehervar: Videoton (Hungary) 3, Zeltznicar Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 1 (Half-time 2-1). Scorers: Videoton — Burca (7th min), Laszlo Dizsi (19th), Vadosz (82nd); Zeltznicar — Koros (20th). Attendance: 30,000.

In Milan: Internazionale Milan (Italy) 2, Real Madrid (Spain) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Liam Brady (25th, Penalty), Alessandro Altobelli (57th). Attendance: 80,000.

Cup Winners' Cup

In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 3, Dynamo Moscow (Soviet Union) 1 (0-1). Scorers: Rapid Vienna — Lainer (68th), Krankl (70th, penalty), Hrstic (73rd); Dynamo Moscow — Karayev (26th, penalty). Attendance: 20,000. In Munich: Bayern Munich (West Germany) 0, Everton (England) 0. Attendance: 67,000.

SOUTH AMERICAN FIESTA AT MONA PARK

This week's NSW State League games:

● Memorial Park, Corrimal, Sunday

Fairy Meadow-Rockdale Ilinden

Last time these two sides met at Corral Memorial Park it was Rockdale Ilinden who scored twice to win.

And while the home side has put up some fine performances since and has beaten Manly Warringah and Sutherland, amongst others, it will be very difficult to see the home side subdue Rockdale.

Baker and Geraldo, with Fontana up front, look a formidable combination, but I feel that Ross Brown and company might just have one gun too many for the locals.

● Mona Park, Sunday

Uruguay-Canterbury

A fiesta of South American football will be seen at Mona Park next Sunday.

Mirros Silva, Netlio Borges, Edi Pena and Carlos Ortega will be playing for Canterbury, while Rosano, Folladoso, the Fernandez brothers, Arabele, Cuba and Benitez will play for Uruguay.

For the lovers of the Latin style of football, this will be a rare and ideal opportunity to travel to Mona Park. However, I feel that the Canterbury contingent of players will be just a trifle too strong for the League newcomers and that the result could be embarrassing for the home team.

Spiro Hantzis and Paul Kirwan could spell trouble for the home team on the left flank and with Nello Borges hanging down that touch-line the advantage of the visitors could be even greater.

● Knight Park, Sunday

Avala-Sutherland

Avala is at Knights Park for the third time in three weeks and, yet again, pitted against one of the best teams in the competition, Sutherland.

An advantage of the home ground would hardly be sufficient against an in-form Sutherland. It is going to be a dull struggle for points with Vic Dalorno to subdue Glen Jeffery and John Lembyrk to dispose of Sutherland's main strength, Brian Gray.

It is going to be interesting to see how Craig Hall and Peter Beggs shape up against Avala's defence while Micky Bratovic and Ray Carney could find Hesford and Terry difficult to beat.

● Chopin Park, Sunday

Polonia-Melita Eagles

Polonia's poor defence will find

Melita Eagles just a trifle too much to cope with and, despite players like Andrew Pop and Jeniek Sobczyk, it will be difficult for the home side to avoid yet another defeat.

Barry Walker, Lenny Vial and Billy Griffiths may find this Polonia side a trifle thin in defence, although Polonia's attack is its better part with Pop, Mahamah and Janic not to be underestimated.

● Jensen Park, Sunday

Bankstown-Narrabeen

With the goal posts finally in place at Jensen Park, Narrabeen could collect its first points despite a poor start to the season. I can not see Hodgson and Van Helden being as unlucky as they were last Sunday and with the Bankstown defence offering more room it is going to be a little easier.

Bankstown is not without a chance with Hummud, Hassan and Houseni's trump cards up front and Meerbani the schemer that could trouble Narrabeen.

● Cromer Park, Saturday

Manly Warringah-Ku-Ring-Gai

Manly will defeat its Northern Districts rival and enter into semi-final contentions.

Its form so far this season has been patchy, but with the full complement of players on deck and Mark Holloway to fire, one could hardly see Ku-Ring-Gai offer more than token resistance.

Its defence with Curtis and Bertoni at the back has been sound but I feel that the difference between the two sides will be in the middle with Stevens, Murray, Campbell and Pagano too much for Ku-Ring-Gai youngsters.

Sharks show their teeth

Sutherland Sharks are riding high after their 3-0 win over Polonia in the New South Wales State

League second round encounter.

Canterbury, instead of playing at Arlington Oval, ventured to Knights Park to play Avala.

Avala sought permission from Canterbury during the week to have the game moved to Knights Park for the Orthodox Easter.

At Hurstville it was an effortless win by Rockdale Ilinden against Uruguay and, despite Ilija Takac's claims that Ilinden is now looking for a respectable position on the League ladder all the signs are there — they will be among the leaders at the end.

The team that is most feared, Melita, met Warringah Narrabeen and the 4-0 scoreline flattered the Eagles. Narrabeen was in command for most of the first half but missed many chances, including a penalty!

Then came Polonia's demise at Canterbury. Don't let me brag for long, but I did say that Polonia would lose, despite beating Sutherland in the pre-season competition.

Craig Hall and Pete Beggs didn't get on the scoring sheet but it mattered very little to Johnny Lavin, the coach of Sutherland. "We are at the top and we'll do our best to stay there."

Avala 4

Canterbury 1

Scorers: Lucchessi 44th, 65th, Andersen 70th, Bratovic 85th (A), Dounis 15th.

Following Canterbury's good showing during the opening 45 minutes, few would have believed that Avala could do better in this match than take one point.

However, Robert Lucchessi scored a goal seconds before the break to give the home team a semblance of a chance. Lucchessi put Avala into the lead in the 65th and from there on it became obvious that Canterbury's first half rhythm was broken up by the more determined and disciplined home side.

Tim Andersen knocked the wind out of Canterbury's sails in the 70th, with Micky Bratovic, who came on as a replacement for Andersen, completing the scoring for the day in the 85th.

Four goals were conceded in just over one half of play by the Berries, which shows an obvious flaw at the back. And while Efthimiades and Hantzis could not be faulted for their performances, one could hardly be satisfied with Chriss Hummud or Edi Pena as well as Johnny Karysiops.

Ku-Ring-Gai 2

Fairy Meadow 0

Scorers: McKegan 2nd, Bennett 52nd.

Fairy Meadow did have an edge during the opening 45 minutes and the chances to go with it but failed to find the

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



Tracey and Jeffery, lost Craig Bass through an injury during the week. It was a body blow to the home team but not one which couldn't be overcome as the final result showed.

Robert McKegan was on the end of a cross from Chris Quigley to make it 1-0 early in the piece, then it was Fairy Meadow's time to attack. Baker, Piel, Morlando, Gerardi, then Baker again came very close to scoring during this period with Baker hitting the crossbar, but David Curtis stood tall in goal for the locals.

In the 37th minute it looked as if Glen Fontana had headed into an empty net, but David Curtis, who was sprawled on the goal line at the time, managed to grab and hold the ball. Then, with seconds remaining in this half, Baker missed a fair opportunity — skying his shot over the bar.

Ku-Ring-Gai came back into the match and McKegan almost repeated early in the piece. Then came Mark Nile with his shot in the 52nd, which Warwick Young only parried to the feet of David Bennett who gratefully accepted the chance to put Ku-Ring-Gai two goals up.

Sutherland 3

Polonia 0

Scorers: Nelson 20th, Groom 65th, Dalorno pen 73rd.

The Sharks are top of the table after an easy win over Polonia at Seymour Shaw Park. It is early days yet, but those in attendance must have been impressed.

The side, which always had its place amongst the top four, is looking stronger than ever. Their players took some time to settle during the opening 44 minutes and led by the sole effort of Brett Nelson. This 19-year-old is developing into a fine player.

Nigel Groom ended all hopes Polonia might have had with his fine effort in the 65th, then came Vic Dalorno with the penalty which sunk the visitors.

Vic Dalorno, Ross Tasker and Brett Nelson were the best amongst the Sutherland players while only Quinn and Henjek Sobczyk could hold their heads high, following Polonia's debacle.

Stefan Janic, playing as left striker, was also prominent but had very little help from either Mahamah or Pop.

Manly 2

Bankstown 0

A scissor kick by Dudley Fox in the opening minutes of the first half paved the way for Manly to collect its first points of the new season at Cromer Park.

And when Mark Holloway scored in the 25th, following a free kick by Steven and a short chip by Campbell, it was "drinks all round" for Manly supporters.

Bankstown were expected to fade during the last 20 minutes or so but Manly could not take advantage of the situation with its front runners reluctant to work harder.

Richard Alagich was happy enough. "It is nice to win. It relaxes me, despite the fact that there are still some aspects of our game as well as some attitudes that need touching up."

Ilinden 3

Uruguay 0

Scorers: Georgious 51st, Nasteviski 55th, J. Wilson 85th.

Three great goals at Hurstville Oval stood between the two sides at the end. Jimmy Georgious, in the side after crippling injuries to Rockdale's forwards, scored the best of the with his 30-metre drive which rocketed into the net past the bewildered keeper.

It was a great left-footer and the first goal for this youngster in the State League. Only four minutes later, following a free kick on the right hand side, Steve Blackburn shot for goal. The ball was partly cleared but only to the edge of the box for Vince Nasteviski to rifle his right footer which looked every bit as awesome as the shot by Georgious to find the net.

With minutes ticking away, Rockdale Ilinden scored from a free kick by Jeff Wilson. The 20-metre shot compared favourably in pace with the first two goals, leaving the Uruguayan keeper to ponder on what might have happened had Rockdale had its full forward line on show.

Melita Eag 4

Narrabeen 0

Scorers: Rourke pen 38th, Griffiths 45th, Walker 69th, Vial 81st.

Sharpshooting Melita players took time to settle and in fact looked inferior to Narrabeen for the best part of the first half before an accidental handball by David Watt

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by
Manos
Miliotis

Ο ΠΙΤΕΡ ΚΑΒΑΛΟΣ ΜΑΣ ΕΙΠΕ: "Ποτέ δεν είναι
αργά επιμένω και υπομένω..."

Πικρό στ' αλήθεια το παράπονο του διεκνή
μέσου του Στένου "Ολμπικ Πίτερ Κωδούλου.
Και το παράπονο του δεν είναι άλλο από
τον "κτύπητό" παραγκωνισμό του που γίνεται
από την έθνικη Αυστραλία.

Ο Γίσιος δ παίκτης δεν γνωρίζει πού να
αποδώσει την περικτυφή του. "Έχει παίξει
25 φορές στην ομάδα ανδρών και 5 στην αν-
τίστοιχη των νέων και δεν είναι τυχαίος.
Και όμως δ κ.Φορνκ Άσοκ συνεχώς τον
συνοπάρει και είναι γνωστό ότι καλεί στδ
έθνικη συγκρότητα παίκτης καλύτερης αξί-
ας από τον κινωμένο άσοο.

Ο συμπαθής όμως Καθόλος μας είπε: "Έχω
βλν την όμορφη και την επιμονή και πι-
στεύω ότι μία μέρα θα δικαιωθώ"

ΠΑΡΗΛΙΑΙΩΣ - ΣΙΜΩΣ ΕΞ ΑΠ' ΤΩΝ ΜΕΤΑ

Μία παρεξήγηση που έγινε μεταξύ των δύο
κορυφαίων παραγκωνών του Μέγα Σίμου
και Παρηνιόλη, ήταν η άφορη ή άνασκα-
ζει δ πρόεδρος του συλλόγου κ.Πουλόπου-

λος να τού... σπατάλησε και τούς δύο
"δεν γινόνταν διαφορετικά, μάς είπε δ ηγέ-
της του Μέγα. "Ο σύλλογος άγνωρίζε π
να πολύ τις υπηρεσίες τους. Άλλα καταστά-
σεις ας κ' αδέες κάνουν κινδ."

Με τον κ.Παρηλιόλη που μιλούσε μάρ ε-
πει: "Έγινε μία παρεξήγηση και τελικά ε-
παι συγγνώμη από τον κ.Σίμο προκειμένου
να μ' πάρει διατάξεις δ θέμα. "Εκείνος
δεν δέχθηκε. Πάντως όληνών ότι έγν δέν
παρετήθηκα. "Όσο γινδ τον Μέγα δ συνεχί-
σω να τον αγαπώ και να τον βοηθώ."

ΕΙΝΑΙ ΑΛΗΘΕΙΑ;

Δεν γαυρίζουμε με τι τρόπο μορράστηκαν
τα σπείαλα ΡΑΤΣ του ΡΕΣ στην "Ελλάδα
πότε ούτως ή άλλως δ πετυχημένος τέως πρόε-
δρος του συλλόγου κ.Λεωνίδας Άνεζάκης α-
έπερε να τύχη αυτής της τιμής.

Ο Άνεζάκης δέν έχει άδύνη από τέυτε ή
δένά δολάρια άλλα από ήλική άμοιρή.
Αυτό άς μ' τ έχοντων μερικόν τωρινόν
παράγοντες της κακοήθειας.

Η ΕΞΕΤΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ ΣΑ ΣΥΣΤΗΘΕΙ

Αδύες τις μέρες δσ συζητήσε ή έρεση που
έχει κάνει ή "Ελλάς γινδ το πρόβλημα των
5.000 δολαρίων τδ άς γνωστον της έπείβα-
λε τδ ΜΣΕ γινδ το γνωστό έπεισόδιο.
Οι πειθωτικότες γινδ να μειωθεί τδ πρόστι-
μο είναι μεγάλος μάς είπε κορυφαίος παρ-
γων του ΜΣΕ από τδ Στένου.

ΤΟ ΣΙΜΩΣ ΣΠΗΡΙΝΚΕΡΑ ΕΑ ΓΙΝΕΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΟ

"Ανέμεσα στις μικρές μας διάδες φέτος ξε-
χωρίζε τδ Σίμου Σπηνιόλη δχι φυσικά
γινδ την κτητορία του τήρε (δ' "Ροσβί-
νι) άλλα γινδ τον άσπαρμό που διατέτει.

Οι άσπαρμοι που βρισκόν τον σύλλογο έ-
χουν βάλει ένα στόχο: τδ διακρίνουν στδ
πρωτάθλημα και να κόνουν μία μεγάλη όδνα
μη στην περιοχή.

Ευγνωριμένη δ γενικώς άσπαρμος Βασίλης
Μαϊνανής που βρισκείται συνεχώς κοντά σε
όλους τούς παίκτες, μάς είπε: "Έχουμε βέ-
λεις σωστή βίαιση, διατέτουμε έπτά διάδες
τμήνων από τις άσπες α- προποδοτούν-
ται ο μεγάλοι. "Τίσιος στην τακτική όμά-
δα έχουμε νταροβ και ταλαντούχους παί-
κτες και ελπίστε άβλυτα κινωποισιμόνι.
Πόχριστομέ δσ τούς φιλόλους μας ο δ-
ποιοι από βρομάδα σε βρομάδα α-ζώνονται!"

ΤΟ ΚΑΛΟΝ ΠΡΟΗΤΗΘΗΚΕ ΑΛΛΑ ΜΕΤΑ... 3-3

Τδ "όλην έκτός έδρας έχασε πέναλτυ με τον
Κρισταλόνόλη ΔΙΔ στη συνέχεια καθήλωσε τδ
Ντάστενιου ΕΙΛΑ στη προηγήθηκε 3-0 με τέρ-
μα τον Κίκονο, Γυλαβόν-Καλιερίδη.
Στην επανάλυση όμως έπασε πολύ ή έλληνική
διάδα και ο γηπεδοόχο δχι μόνο ίσοφρι-
σαν άλλα και ήττησαν κοντά στη νίκη.

"Επαίξαν οί Τελλόνης, Πελζίν, Κρισταλόνόλης,
Αλέττας, Καλιερίδης, Κίκνος, Καραμπίτσος, Κα-
βαρνιόλης (46' Σ.Πουόβιν) Ιρβαν και Γυλα-
βόνδς δ όποιος είχε σούτ στδ δοκάρι.

Ερχόταν ο Καλιερίδης, Κίκνος και Καρα-
μπίτσος.

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 3-1 (Προχόρσκι)
τδ Νάβντν το "όλην έκτός με τδ Γουβερ-
νι στην έδρα του (ΑΛΟΟΑ ΡΕΒΕΡΣ).

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΗΣ ΕΚΑΝΕ Η ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ ΜΕ... 8 ΓΚΟΛ

Η πρόσχε λίγο ή Κάρπιντα δσ μπορούσε
να είχε κάνει μεγάλο κοντά στδ Τ2-0
και δσ ήταν λίγο. Τελικά πώρε μεγάλη νί-
κη 8-0 έτις Γουαντίντα και με γκολ τδ
όποια πέτυχαν ο Α.Κατζίδνης 3, Μ.Χαραλ-
μπους 2, Ν.Σιόνας, Β.Πατζέδνης και Κούτ-
σιος.

"Επαίξαν οί Ιωαννιόνης, Δεϊτζής, Ν.Λακί-
δης, (65' Στρατοπόδης) Κοντέσι, Κων/δου, Α.
Γκατζέδνης, Β.Πατζέδνης (75' Μ.Χαραλμπους),
Κόλμας, Α.Χαραλμπους, Ν.Σιόνας, Κούτσιος.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 5-4 (Κοζόδης 3, Π.Απο-
στολόπουλος, Α.Αποστολόπουλος)

ΤΟ ΣΠΗΡΙΝΚΕΡΑ ΙΣΟΦΑΡΙΣΤΗΚΕ ΣΤΟ... 9-2

Παρουσία 300 και πλέον θεατών τδ Σ.Επρι-
κωγιά έπαιξε καλδ ποδόσφαιρο στδ γηπε-

δδ του κόντρα στδ Κλάτμαν αλλά τελικά
περιορίστηκε στην ίσοπαλία 2-2.
Στδ 10' δ Ξμμανουήλδης έκανε τδ 1-0 α-
λά τδ Κλάτμαν ίσοφάρισε γινδ να ανέβει
στδ 2-1 δ Μ.Τομάζος.

Τδ 2-2 έγινε στδ 92' και στην καρυστήρη-
ση που είχε κρατήσει δ ρεφρέ.
"Ας σημειωθεί ότι δ Γ.Σελεμίδης σάβηκε
δ άτυχος τδ άδνα από 4 φορές σημάδε-
ψε τδ δοκάρια των άντιπάλων.

"Επαίξαν οί Τσακουρτζής, Πέρος, Ακουήδης
Μ.Τομάζος, Χ'αναστασίου, (46' Σ.Τομάζος) Πα-
ρηνιός, Γ.Σελεμίδης, Ξμμανουήλδης, Κατα-
σός, Γ.Σελεμίδης, Νέτ.

Καλύτεροι ήταν ο Μ.Τομάζος, Παρηνιός, Τ.
Τομάζος.

ΤΟ ΚΑΙΣΤΟΝ ΗΤΑΝ ΚΛΑΥΝΟ ΑΛΛΑ ΨΕΥΔΕ ΤΟ

Τδ ΚΑΙΣΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ ήταν καλύτερο στδν έκτός
έδρας άδνα του με τδ Μπαρνασούνη, είχε
στδ μεγαλύτερο διάστημα την υπεραχ, όη-
μιόβρησε και έχασε ούτως ή άλλως τδ
μ.Λορέντι (91') ΑΛΛΑ τελικά πέντε από
μη και τδ "Π" από Ροσινδ όφλμα τδ ένα
εν στδ 60' Τυρίσος και έδωσε την άβη-
ρία στδς γηπεδοόχους να κόνουν τδ 1-0.

"Ας σημειωθεί ότι αχτή ήταν και ή μονα-
δική φορά που ο Αντίπλοϊ έπαισαν κον-
τά στην έστια τδ Κόρυου.

Στδ 70' δ Άνδριούτης πέτυχε γκολ ΑΛΛΑ δ
Κατζίδης ρεφρέ που έκατέστησε τδ έλλη-
νοϊταλνκ ντέρμπν έδωσε όφουλ ε-ς τήρος
τδ πρώτου σκόρερ τδ προ-όλμπικ.

"Τίσιος δ όδο πεισιότατος έλέχτηκε δ-
ταν άντιπάρηκε μέσα στην περιοχή δ ν-
ρίδης.

Νομίζουμε ότι τουλάχιστο σε ντέρμπν δέν έ-
πιτρέπεται να στέλνονται από την Όμοσπον-
δία διαταγές που είναι από την ίδια έθνη-
κήτητα με τις διάδες όποιες και άν είναι.
δσ ήταν όμοι και άβικτα να έρχονται τδ βέρη
της ήτας στδν ρεφρέ.

"Επαίξαν οί Κόρυος, Μυστριώτης, Παρηνιός,
Τυρίσος (61' Παπαγεωργίου) Πετρόπουλος, Γκελ-
λνς, Πελεργόν, Ν.Τ.Λορέντι (35' άκνος) Χορδνς,
Ανδριώτης, Μ.Λορέντι.

Τούς Βαθμούς από τον ρεφρέ ήσαν ο Πέλε-
ρς 3, Κόρυος 2, Ανδριώτης 1.

Ο ΔΙΑΤΗΝΗΣ ΓΥΝΗΘΕΣ ΤΟ ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΟ

"Άτυχο τδ ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΟ έχασε 2-1 από τδ Μέλ-
μπουρν που τδ βοήθησε ή διαίτησία.

Τδ γκολ πέτυχε δ Μπιτόννης και έπαιξαν οί
Χών, Νανγιάδης (Ποσιόλης), Κούτος, Κουλάκας,
Μ.Ροχαρίδης, Μπιτόννης, Αμκατέδης, Πένις,
Σαχινίδης, Φιλίππου, Τούαχρς.

ΕΚΑΝΕ ΤΟ ΓΚΑΡΠΤΕΝ ΣΙΤΥ 4-2

Χωρίς τρία βασικά του στελέχη τδ Γκάρπτεν
Σίτυ έχασε έκτός έδρας 4-2 από τδ Κλάρ.
Τδ γκολ πέτυχαν ο Βαλαβόνης και Σβίγγος.

"Επαίξαν Λεβεντέλης, Γ.Αντωνιόδης, Ξανθόπου-
λος, Ν.Αντωνιόδης, Βάκης, Μήλιος, Σβίγγος, Πα-
γόνης, Σαράντου, Βαλαβόνης, Μωρέλλας.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

DRAMATICA NEDELJA

Posle petog uzastopnog poraza plavi tabor bio je u
avom soku i panici. Od kako najaju za sebe PLAVI
su gore stajali na tabeli osim 1983. godine, kada je bio
1. dnu tabelle. I 2. bodova izna preposlednjeg. U pomoć su
ispeli usred zime Branko Bujević, Slobodan Zoraja
dilan Mitajlović. Do kraja JUST se kao meteor popeo
na više zbrisao razliku i spasio se od ispadanja.

Uvogaodina JSCA podseca na 1968. godinu. I, eto
anika ponovu u ulozu spasioca, ali ovog puta u tandemu
Rocomm ille. Ne kao igrač već menadžer.

Ceda Cirkovic je uradio sve što je u njegovoj moci i
ta je sto rastanak nije bio humaniji, iako se u sportu
u zaboravljanju uvrede. Prastanje je sportska vrline,
puno je da je Cirkovic na sportski nacin pokazati da
godiina provedenih u JUSTU vrede i znace više nego
a.

Kad je da promene moralo doći, onda u interesu
STA i zajednice koju predstavljala treba pomoći da se
brodi kriza. Svi tvrde da JUSTU nedostaju najmanje
raca da bi krenuo sa mrvne tacke. Igrači ne padaju u
4, pa se treba osloniti na sopstvene snage, ali vratiti
se pouzdanje i veru u klub. U to sen mog dodavati
zvezda, koja moraju biti proverena i svima poznata.
je jedna nova zvezda nepo svet zakrpa.

Izadi tim JUSTA visoko je porazio Croydon City sa
(3:0), ali jos nije pokazao igru koju je sposoban da
2. Nije ni lako tim decimata da se bore za plave
bez para, kada ih vrubaju sa svih strana sa svakak-
obecanjima, najviše novcem. Medjutim, ako im
ruzi sansa i nada da ce jednog dana postati prvotri-
misti prvenstveno talente, koji su u JUSTU naučili
alski abecedu. U nedelju 21. aprila, dok se prvi tim
preznojaju u Brizbanu, mladi tim ce biti gost Nu-
ding Citya.

orge Cross je potvrdio da je tvrd orah u susretu sa
edoni-jom, koji je jedva sacuvao zube citave iko
dila sa 2:1. Mladi tim je medjutim osvetio obraz
dod od 4:0.

nedelje 21. aprila Makedonija docekuje Heidelberg
sandra na svom igralistu. Ovaj susret ce razbistriti
ciju na celu tabele Jucne divizije.

bourne Croatia takode ne moze biti zadovoljna sa
on bodova prosle nedelje na Olympic Park. Sie-
nedelje bice jos na vecem iskusenju protiv Green
a u gostima. Mladi tim Croatiai pobedio je prosle
je Frankston Pines sa 5:0.

BLJEN VARDAR ZADOLJAN SA JEDNIM
BODOM

na Gate/VARDAR — Broadmeadows 1:1 (1:1).
r je povero sa 1:0 u 6. minutu preko Nikole Dam-
g, ali gosti su uspeeli iz jedne bezopasne guzve da
ace u 41. minutu. U 50. minutu sudbina je izbacio iz
dnog igrača Broadmeadows zbog nepristojnog
ali oslabljeni Vardar nije mogao da iskoristi
nadmoćnost. Zbog povrede nisu igrali Milan Mi-
i, Jimmy Dervizovski, Baskin Bojkovic i Boris Ge-
koji je operisao koleno zbog meniskusa.

olji igrači Chris Talevski, Johnny Serovski i Ace
ski.

rvja je izgubila sa 2:0 (2:0).

botu 20. aprila Altona Gate je gost Dovetona na
ih Res.

OD/SRBIA DELI PRVO MESTO, SINDELJIC
DEVETI

snu sezonu Ringwood/Srbija je krunisala jos
pobedom nad Elthamom sa 2:1 (1:1). Grci su
sa 1:0. Bio je to strahovit udarac, koji Jimmy
Ijevic nije mogao da odbrani, ali posle toga bio
jediv iako su gosti bili opasni u Retkim protivna-
Tibor Hagymai uspeo je da izjednaci pre od-
a odmor, a pobedomosni gol postigao je na po-
agol poluvremena. Povredjen je u 60. minutu gol-
i bek Biki Djuric, sto ce biti veliki gubitak za
ako se brzo ne oporavi

edigri rezervna Ringwood/Srbija pobedila je sa
1:1. Strelci: Zoran Lakić 3, Bosko Cvetić 2 i Steven

tu 20. aprila Ringwood/Srbija igra protiv Sand-
a na Silittle Reserve, Olive Street, Hampton.

1. RICHMOND/SINDELJIC je nadigrao Altonu
je zbog lovog pavalja jedva pobedio sa 2:1
onaci su dugo vodili sa 1:0, ali su na sreću i
ili autogolom, a pobedu je doneo Dragan Vasic
jim udarcem sa 10 metara, ali je pre toga
a postigne najmanje het-trik. Sa 4 boda Sindeljic
devetom mestu, ali je po igru mogao biti negde
bele.

otu 20. aprila Sindeljic docekuje na Burnley
sil Park, koji se nalazi na petom mestu sa 5

PLAVI CETVRTI U TRECOJ DIVIZIJI

u Slavija — Springvale United 1:2 (0:1). Sva tri
igli su "plavi" iz Springvale, ali jedanput su

WILLIAMSTOWN/MLADOST DOBIO DERBI

Paklena vrucina nije smetala da se na Grey Reserve
okupi rekordna poseta, gde se vodio ljuti boj između
dva jugoslovska kluba za vrh tabele. Mladost i Zvezda
poseli su ovaj Jugo derbi dobro pripremljeni i nepora-
zani u prvenstvu. Central City/C.ZVEZDA imala je vise
od igre, ali Mladost je igrala efikasnije i zasluzeno
dobila derbi sa 3:1 (1:1). Razlika je bila u golmanima.
Nikola Popovic nije imao svoj dan, dok je Milutin Cirić
odlicno cuvao svoje mreze. Samo jedanput bio je namo-
can, kada ga je savladao odlicni centarfor Nikola Ra-
dunovic. Strelci za Mladost: Boris Sribnovski 2 i Zarko
Stefanovic.

U predigri rezervna Mladosti pregazila je Zvezdin
drugi tim sa 9:2 (2:1). Strelci: Marko Gvozdic 4, Tom
Pitra, Dusko Alimovski, T. Sivkorovski, T. Erdeljan i
T. Naumovski za Mladost, Zoran Kmetovic autogol i
Dusko Radisic za Zvezdu.

Posle utakmice igrači Zvezde bili su gosti na večeri u
prostorijama Mladosti, gde su bratski docekani i po-
casani.

U subotu 20. aprila Zvezda igra za Mladost na Como
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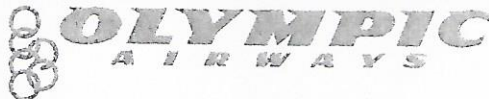
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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 7 20 & 21 APRIL

SOUTHERN DIVISION



ROB CULLEN

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

VS

ADELAIDE CITY

at OLYMPIC PARK No 2

3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:-

JUVENTUS vs

FAWKNER

at 12.45 pm

BRISBANE LIONS

VS

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

at RICHLANDS

3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:-

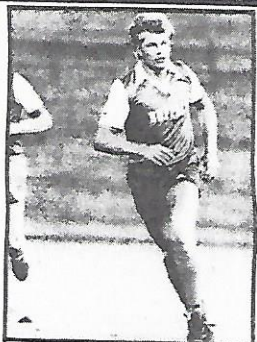
NUNAWADING CITY vs

FOOTSCRAY

AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



VLATKO BELIC



JIM MURRAY

GREEN GULLY

VS

MELBOURNE CROATIA

AT GREEN GULLY RESERVE

3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:-

GREEN GULLY vs

CROATIA

at 12.45pm

STH MELBOURNE HELLAS

VS

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

at MIDDLE PARK

3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME

HELLAS vs

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

at 12.45 pm



JOHN YZENDOORN



STEVE SMITH

PRESTON

VS

HEIDELBERG UTD

AT CONNOR RESERVE

3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:-

PRESTON vs

HEIDELBERG UTD

at 12.45pm

WEST ADELAIDE

VS

BRISBANE CITY

at HINDMARSH STADIUM

2.30 pm SUNDAY

VICTORIAN YOUTH GAME:-

FRANKSTON PINES vs

CROYDON CITY

AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



GRAEME HONEYMAN

NATIONAL CUP SEMI-FINAL TONIGHT (WED)

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v PRESTON

AT OLYMPIC PARK No. 1, 7.30PM

NORTHERN DIVISION

ST GEORGE vs BLACKTOWN CITY

at ST GEORGE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

MARCONI vs WOLLONGONG CITY

at MARCONI STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD vs APIA LEIGHARDT

at ADAMSTOWN OVAL 7pm SATURDAY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs SYDNEY CITY

at PRATTEN PARK 3pm SUNDAY

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS vs SYDNEY CROATIA

at NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 3p.m. SUNDAY

PENRITH CITY vs INTER MONARO

at COOK PARK 3pm SUNDAY

NATIONAL CUP SEMI-FINAL TONIGHT (WED)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED

AT ST. GEORGE STADIUM, 7.30PM